

Observer Report Form

Council or Committee: City Council

Date: 9/14/09

Observer: Carol Mullins

Aldermen Present/Absent: All there.

Staff Present: Department heads

Media Present: Bill Smith. Karen Berkowitz, Evanston Roundtable

Meeting Began. 8:30 pm

Meeting Ended: 9:30 p.m.

No. of Citizens in Attendance: About 15.

Proclamations: Library Card Sign-Up Month 2009; National Preparedness Month, September 2009

Citizen Comment There were 8 speakers: one talking about signs prohibiting parking insufficient, Betty Sue Ester inviting all to West Side Farmer's Market to hear about the Lighthouse group developing affordable housing; Junad Rizki touting the Evanston Diet from the 90's encouraging the new City Manager to read it; Kevin O'Connor, who has become Junad's side kick admonishing those who need to read "lessons not learned" about property taxes; Gay Riseborough who is part of a group, developing a 501c-3 to develop "Grandmother" Park in the middle of the west side. It is being done privately since there is no city money; Arlene Haas supporting a traffic light on Church and Sheridan; Jim Wolinski encouraging support of Kiwanis Peanut and Pretzel Day for the benefit of kids.

Consent Agenda approved

Report of the Standing Committees: Rainey A&PW – most important thing after approval of bills and bid information was to suspend rules to take action on the Video Gaming. There was unanimous vote to suspect rules and unanimous negative vote against video gaming. Both Channel 2 &7 were there for the vote. We are the first community to enact such an ordinance.

Planning and Development: Wynne

Human Services: Jean-Baptiste

Call of the Wards

Fiske invited community to Mather to hear about demolition of Georgian; Wilson invited community to discuss Grey Park across from Albany Car, Grove Tendam, Holmes will host ward meetings. The new City Manager will be the "celebrity" guest; Rainey wants skunks removed from Evanston.

I saw Mayor Liz Tisdahl and complimented her on the length of the meeting. She said it is directly related to lack of development and construction currently.