

Observer Report  
City Council      February 8, 2010

Observer: Sue Brady

Meeting began: **7:05**

Meeting Ended: **8:05**

Aldermen Present: Ald. Jean-Baptiste absent

Staff Present: All department heads

Media Present: Review, Roundtable, Evanston Now, NU Daily

Staff Comments:

- Dennis Marino, Planning Department, announced additional information about HUD grant of ca nineteen million. Money must first go to foreclosures and a revised work plan must be presented, but it is hoped that some development can take place in the two census tracts targeted in the application.
- Doug Gaynor, Parks and Recreation, said that Shani Davis, a product of the Crown Center, will be racing in the Olympics this year. His events are scheduled for the 15th and 17th.

Citizen Comment: eleven people spoke, seven on saving the north branch library, three for saving maintenance staff in the police and parks and one on clarifying the budget process decisions.

Significant Action

- Mobile cell phones in Evanston are now illegal.
- Definition of Type I and Type 11 restaurants have been changed back (to what was unclear). Action postponed because two alderman objected to suspension of the rules.
- New trash can and recycling containers were approved
- New Committee and Council flexible time changes were approved
- Sale of land to Montessori school was postponed because transcript not yet available.

Budget: Because Ald Jean-Baptiste was in Haiti, all budget discussion was postponed until a special meeting of the Council on Saturday, February 20th at 9:00 am

Call of the Wards: Ald. Fiske asked for a reference to P&D to discuss not charging residents who appeal a zoning officer's decision . Manager said that primary costs were for court reporter. Other aldermen thanked staff and citizens for their hard work during the budget process.

