

OBSERVER REPORT

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, October 12, 2009

Meeting Began: 7:30 P.M.

Meeting Ended: 7:40 P.M.

All Committee members in attendance

Media: Evanston Now, Review

Observer: Ruth Singer

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(P1) Ordinance 95-O-09, Amending and Enacting Sections of the Zoning Ordinance That:

Relate to Townhouse Orientation; and that Authorize Major Variations to the

Pedestrian Area and Active Ground Floor Use Requirements of the CSC (Central

Street Corridor) Overlay District

Consideration of Ordinance 95-O-09 adding the following as eligible for major

variations:

1. Regulations of the R4 through R6, MU, MUE, MXE and RP zoning districts on townhouse orientation (with Council approval).

2. Regulations of the CSC overlay zoning district on pedestrian area and depth of active ground floor uses.

Recommended by the Plan Commission.

Only one item which has to do with the sighting of townhouses according to the existing rules provides no authority for approving townhouses that do not face the street. Ald. Wynne said it had impacted her ward negatively and was positive of about variations for oddly shaped lots.

The Central Street proposal would amend fairly recently the rules that require a specific amount of sidewalk depth (something like 50 ft. and would make some sites not developable.

Ald. Rainey talked about a development in the 700 block of Dodge that was quite beautiful.

Alds. Tendam and Grover want to have a meeting with the neighbors before the Council takes action. Therefore, Ald. Rainey moved to introduce the proposal to the Council and then refer it back to committee so the neighbors have a chance to meet.

Comment: The meeting was 10 minutes long . A&PW has a much longer agenda and P&D has a very short agendas. They should schedule P&D at 7:15 or 7:30