

## **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Monday June 23, 2008**

**Meeting began at 7:10 – ended at approximately 9PM**

**Media: Evanston Review, Evanston Now**

**New Chair: Ald. Wollin Ald. Wynne absent**

### **III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**(PI) Ordinance 79-0-08 - Special Use for Dormitory -1620 Central Street Consideration of a Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation of approval for a dormitory use for the PACE (Professional Assistance Program for Education) program at the 1620 Central Street.**

Jack Lawler, lawyer, and Bill Roberts, VP at National Louis, spoke for the school and the PACE project. The privacy issue was addressed. National will use translucent glass on all windows to the east and west of the dormitory. The windows can only be opened on the top. They will use landscaping to further privacy. The dormitory is one of the special uses in keeping with the Evanston Comprehensive Plan. The students don't drive and National has agreed to add four parking spaces for neighbors who do not have alley access. These students (25 to 50) will get a college education and learn to live independently. They might generate 10 cars per hour, many less than St. A's or any business on Central. Alderman Tisdahl feels the privacy issue is as good as it's going to be and PACE could add to Evanston's diversity.

Ald. Hansen questioned use in mid-June to mid-September when the dorm is empty. National plans to hold seminars and meetings but all will in some way be related to PACE. Ald. Rainey is against the plan as the City will lose tax revenue.

A new special use request would have to be filed by another entity that might acquire the property in the future.

Vote 7-1 (Rainey) to send the Council (next meeting July 14)

**(P2) Temporary Signage Request for American Craft Exposition**

**Consideration of the request for the Auxiliary of Evanston Northwestern Healthcare to erect temporary signs and banners advertising and directing patrons to the American Craft Exposition to be held from August 22-24, 2008.**

Approved

**(P3) Amendment to Conditions of 1963 Special Use for 1233 Central Street (Baha'i Offices) Surface Parking Lot. Consideration of the Zoning Board of Appeals denial to amend the 1963 Special Use conditions requiring, for example, 27' landscape buffers where the parking lot adjoins a residential district for a major variation to the Baha'i parking lot at 1233 Central Street.**

Don't understand why this was on the agenda at this time. Bahai had never met with Ald. Tisdahl to discuss the increase in parking spaces and took an additional 15 minutes that P&D did not have.

Comments: Another over long meeting that had a late start and a fairly large audience