

**Observer Report**  
**Planning and Development Committee**  
**July 13, 2009**

**Observer:** Nancy Bashook

**Aldermen Present:** Jean-Baptiste, Fiske, Wilson, Wynn, Holmes, Rainey

**Staff:** Marino, Dunphy

**Media:** Evanston Now

**Meeting began:** 7:00 pm

**Meeting ended:** 7:48 pm

**Items for Consideration**

- (P1) **Sidewalk Café for type 2 Restaurant Neu Uber Burger**  
**Consideration to approve a first-time application for a sidewalk café permit for Neu Uber Burger located at 618 ½ Church Street.**

Unanimously approved.

- (P2) **Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Interim City Manager to Submit Application for Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) Funding**  
**Consideration of Resolution to authorize the Interim City Manager to submit an application to the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) pursuant to NSP2 funding in the amount of \$39,400,000. This application for funds must be submitted to HUD by July 15, 2009.**

This is a national program to address vacant and foreclosed properties throughout the country and to get these properties back into the market place at an affordable price. If Evanston wins the funds, it plans to use them to purchase and rehabilitate vacant and foreclosed housing units and construct new housing units and will assist people who are purchasing these. The city partnered with a for-profit developer, Brinshore Development, of Northbrook, to draft the application and will collaborate with them during the rehabilitation and construction process. David Brint, CEO of Brinshore, described projects his company has worked on. They commit to working closely with Evanston contractors and residents.

The city plans to target two census tracts that have been hit by the foreclosure crisis. It plans to place the 97 new housing units in the Mayfair Corridor area along Emerson Street covered by the West Evanston Master Plan. The other is in South Evanston, between Oakton and Howard and between Asbury and the CTA tracks.

Dennis Marino said that Evanston's master plan and our track record of affordable housing makes us very competitive for these funds. The city will know by December if it will receive the funds.

The aldermen were very excited about this opportunity.

Eric ?, Chair of the Housing Commission, voiced his strong support for this application.

- (P3) **Request for City Council Approval of Proposal Submission to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Grant to Establish a Business Loan for Energy Conservation.**  
**The City proposes to submit a \$500,000 proposal to EPA under the EPA Climate Showcase Communities Request for Applications. The proposed business loan program will provide loans of \$3,000 - \$10,000 to Evanston businesses to make improvements to reduce energy consumption.**

Dennis Marino explained that this is a potential source of funding for the city from stimulus money. The proposal is due next week. Ald. Rainey suggested the proposal go online. She said this ties in with the Commonwealth Edison rebate program.

Unanimously approved.

- (P4) **Ordinance Permitting a Special Use for Berglund Animal Hospital at 2515 Gross Point Road**

Unanimously approved.

- (P5) **Consideration of a request by National-Louis University to extend the one-year expiration date on the special use to operate a dormitory at 1620 Central Street, adopted July 28, 2008. The requested extension is to July 11, 2011.**

Unanimously approved.

- (P6) **Consideration of ordinance permitting a special use for Fruit Chill restaurant at 1223-1225 Chicago Avenue in B1 zone. ZBA recommends approval with condition regarding litter plan**

Bill Dunphy described this as very straightforward, with usual takeout type items. The owner said he is ready to comply with the litter ordinance. Restaurant will open in 45-60 days.

Unanimously approved.

- (P7) **Consideration of ordinance to grant major variations at 848 Ridge to allow two open off-street parking spaces located approximately 58 feet from the rear property line, where the maximum permitted distance is 30 feet, and permitting those spaces to be located .82 feet from the north and south property lines where the minimum setback is five feet for accessory uses.**

Unanimously approved.

- (P8) **Consideration of ordinance permitting a special use for day care center at 526 Davis Street. ZBA recommends approval with conditions.**

Ald. Fiske has concerns about drop off and pick up of very young children. Traffic engineering is investigating having parking in the back.  
Approved sending to Council. Will be on next P&D meeting agenda.