

**Observer Report**  
**Planning and Development**

**July 28, 2008**

Observer: Ruth Singer

Media Present: *Evanston Review* and *Evanston Now*

Scheduled Meeting 7:00 pm, Meeting Began at 7:35 pm

Hansen and Bernstein absent

**Items for Consideration:**

**(P1) Amendment to Condition of 1936 Special Use for 1233 Central.**

Withdrawn

**(P2) Resolution 48—R—08 Designating the Portion of Simpson St. between Ashland and Green Bay Road with the Honorary Name “Rev. Dr. Michael Curry Way”**

Approved

**(P4) Ordinance 88-0-08 Modifications to Special Sign District for Bravo Restaurant (formerly Wolfgang Puck)**

Approved

**(P5) Motion to Approve Sidewalk Café in Type 2 Restaurant (Great Harvest Bread Co.**

Approved

**(P3) Ordinance 90-0-08 Proposed Ordinance Amending the Approved Planned Development for 1890 Maple Avenue**

Changes to the building were presented to the Committee to accommodate the proposed Trader Joe's. There will be 154 apartment units in a 14 story bldg. Trader Joe's will be open from 9 to 9 with the heaviest traffic in the evening. Two metered parking places would be removed on University Pl. to accommodate trucks.

The entry to the project will be on Emerson. They propose to remove parking on the south side of Emerson thereby making Emerson a four lane street. There will be 271 parking spaces in the building, 66 of those on the second floor for Trader Joe's. Other parking will be on upper floors. The developer presented video that showed how the traffic would flow. Talked about timed number of gaps to allow left turn onto Emerson. Delivery trucks would use rear alley.

Tina Patton, who lives on Emerson and owns property says the traffic is "outrageous" all the time on Maple and Oak and Mr. Sutton who lives nearby also commented on the traffic. Holmes worried about Church parking on Sunday.

Ald. Rainey didn't understand why we ask the developer for \$4,500 to reimburse the City for the meter loss. Ald. Wynne, who is head of the Parking Committee, said the City requires payment from developers in the past and shouldn't break the policy now. Rainey noted that many parking spaces around the area are not metered (have two hour parking restriction) and suggested installing meters in the area.

The City staff felt the proposed new entrance on Emerson should operate all right.

The Committee voted 6 to 1(Ald. Moran) to approve but final approval will be at the Council on August 11.

### **Items for Discussion**

#### **(PD1) Discussion of Request for a Time Extension for the 959 Dobson St. Approved Planned Development (expired on 2/08)**

City was requested to remind developers but developers are responsible. Passed 4 to 3\*

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm**

**\*Would suggest that P&D ask for a roll call vote for we couldn't figure out who voted yes and no.**