

**Observer Report
Planning and Development
Oct, 26, 2009**

Observer: Nancy Bashook

Aldermen Present: Wilson, Wynne, Holmes, Rainey **Absent:** Jean Baptiste

Staff: Dennis Marino, Donna Spicuzza, Ken ? (legal)

Media: Evanston Now, Roundtable

Meeting began: 7:15 pm (called for 7 pm)

Meeting ended: 7:30 pm

Items for consideration

(P1) Ordinance 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 oCSC Central Street Corridor Overlay District

Add the following as eligible for major variations:

- 1. Regulations of the R4 through R6, MU, MUE, MXE and RP zoning districts on townhouse orientations (with Council approval).**
- 2. Regulations of the oCSC overlay zoning district on pedestrian area and depth of active ground floor uses**

Recommended by the Plan Commission

This was amended to remove 7 & 8, having to do with Central Street, from consideration and to proceed with the townhouse issue. The committee recommended that staff come back with revised language for 7 and 8. Approved.

(P2) Ordinance enacting a new section 5-8-9 of the City Code related to the registration of rental residential buildings

Consideration of ordinance 103-O-09 requiring condominium and townhome associations and/or management companies to identify rental units and provide owner and tenant contact information to the Property Standards Department.

Recommended by staff.

Ald. Rainey pointed out that this will be a burden on condo associations and management companies. She would like to include owners of condo units. Ken addressed this by an existing ordinance that requires condo and townhomes to register with the city. Owners are already required to register. To amend the language in the ordinance would be redundant. The goal is to get as many people in compliance as possible.
Approved.

Items for discussion

(PD1) Families in Transition Report

The aldermen commented that this is a very informative report and cites 18 success stories. Ald. Wilson believes they should get the good news with the bad if the city is funding the programs. Donna Spicuzza mentioned that the program has been enhanced in recent years by the participation of the YWCA and Connections for the Homeless. Aldermen suggested the next report include trends. Ald. Rainey wants a quarterly report.