

11/09/09 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Aldermen Present: Baptiste, Holmes, Rainey, Wilson, Wynne

Observer: Ruth Singer

Media: Evanston Now, Review or Daily Northwestern

**(P1) Ordinance 105-O-09 Rescinding the Evanston Landmark Designation for the Property Located at 1819 Dodge Avenue
Consideration of Ordinance 105-O-09 rescinding the Evanston Landmark Designation
for the property located at 1819 Dodge Avenue and removing it from Schedule B of the
Preservation Ordinance. The Preservation Commission recommends approval.**

(P2) Request for Council Approval to Submit an Application to the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for Funding to Resurvey the City's Evanston Lakeshore Historic District

The Preservation Commission requests authorization of the City Council for the submission of a Certified Local Government (CLG) Grants-in-Aid application to survey

one half of the Lakeshore Historic District (See map). The grant total amount is \$22,560.

The City's contribution is 30% or \$6,768. Phase One of the survey will include approximately 376 primary structures with their corresponding accessory structures.

The Preservation Commission recommends approval to submit the application by 11/30/09.

(P3) Request Approval of a One-Year Extension of the Expiration for the 631-749 Chicago Avenue (AMLI) Approved Planned Development (Ordinance 103-O-08) to December 8, 2010 to Obtain a Building Permit

Consideration of a request for a one-year extension of the expiration for the 631-749 Chicago Avenue (AMLI) Approved Planned Development (Ordinance 103-O-08) to December 8, 2010 to obtain a building permit. Staff recommends approval.

(PD1) Draft Report of Affordable Housing Task Force

Presentation of the Draft Affordable Housing Plan for Evanston by Task Force Chair, Susan Munroe.

Salvation Army store is located. I assume it includes the property east to the alley but am unsure if it includes the unoccupied former Subaru dealer south on Chicago avenue.

This is the property at Keeney (southeast corner) and Chicago Avenue where the
There was no opposition. Wynne hopes that in few years when the economy improves the developer will begin construction. Was Approved

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The report advocated for more spending on housing programs, more city staff

involvement and a marketing strategy which gets more public input. Wilson wants the public to understand what affordable housing means.

Rainey was very unhappy and took the report to say that any time she made criticism of the disaster the community was facing with programs the Commission advocated, they just kept pushing for more money, Rainey's back was up over criticism in the report which called for "political will" to carry out housing programs.

Baptiste was concerned that the Commission had never raised concern about the Chodos. The report thought we are a good fit for Habitat for Humanity. But something about The City and Habitat had some problem in the past that was alluded to. The point was made that the Housing Commission advocated for the Chodos. Felt the City had to be better informed. Holmes is interested in what is now and what has happened in the last year and what can be done in the future. One of the problems with the Chodos were limited by a city policy that they were required to complete one project before starting another

Betty Easter with the Citizen's Lighthouse Committee Land Trust said the task force is trying to keep affordable housing in Evanston. They cannot build new units and must work with existing properties. There are those who want to rent and those who don't. Made a pitch for Habitat.

The City Council took it from there.
Adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The meeting started at 7PM. This was a major accomplishment. (The earliest they have ever started was 7:20) I came in at 7:08 and they had already finished with (P1) and (P2) which I am sure they approved. Should have known by the parking lot that there was something going on. Also the Mayor attended P&D. They were dedicating the building

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