

Observer: Bill Smith's Evanston Now Recaps: Betty still mending her hip and I was still on a plane from Sacramento.

Meeting began: 7:30pm

Meeting Ended: Not noted.

Aldermen Present/Absent: Aldermen Wilson and Miller absent

Staff Present: Not noted

Media Present: Not noted beyond Bill, but usual staff-RoundTable, NU, and Evanston Review probably present.

Mayor's Announcements: Mayor Tisdahl introduced members of the City's Youth and Young Adult Division Staff who've just been certified in non-violence training.

City Clerk's Announcement: 2100 early voters to date.

Citizen Comment: **Mike Vasilko** complains that city staff was biased against his architectural firm for the Howard Theater project and favored the Ross Barney firm. **Priscilla Giles** claims city is driving out residents with new development. **Carolyn Murray**, 5th Ward aldermanic candidate, complains about cancellation of Ethics Board meeting, the last one before the April 4 election. (Meeting was cancelled because of lack of a quorum.) **Madelyn Ducre** asks why the board of ethics didn't meet. {**Mayor Tisdahl** says the board is supposed to have five members, but currently only has three
Discussion, Action: Consent Agenda **approved**.

Items off Consent Agenda:

A 3.8 - Pope John XXIII school honorary street name. Fiske moves to hold because Miller's not here (although Miller had requested adding it to the agenda).

P 2 - Downtown plan (postponed to April 10 so Alderman Wilson can be present).

O 1 - Kabul House loan agreement. Alderman Tendam said he thinks it sets a bad example. Says thought city was trying to get away from outright grants or forgivable loans to businesses coming to town. **Approved 5-2**. Fiske and Tendam vote no.

Call of the Wards

Holmes ... says never intentionally done anything unethical in her life. Says at request of residents she told residents what her preference was in the 5th Ward race. Says she hadn't realized that the new email system would send it out under the city's email list. Said once it happened wasn't anything she could do about it. Says wasn't intentional. Doesn't want to leave the city with anything hanging overhead. Says this is too petty. Says she's tired and fed up with the back-and-forth and backbiting in the community. **Rainey** ... ethics charges seem to be abundant ... says Vasilko has asked her to publicly apologize to him. Says she never looked at any of the bids. So apologizes to him. Says have never taking anything from anybody in 30 years on the council, have never done anything illegal. Asks that Vasilko not destroy this beautiful project. **Fiske** ... Sheridan Road project is getting started ... gonna be a mess ... but will only be a few months ...and will have beautiful bike lanes and street and "everybody will be coming down to shop at the stores. **Braithwaite** ... announces upcoming retirement events for Alderman Holmes.