

**Observer:** Jessica Feldman

**Aldermen Present/Absent:** Alderman Revelle, Ch; Aldermen Rainey, Holmes, Wynne, Wilson, Fiske, Tendam (arrived 7:35)

**Staff Present:** Scott Mangum, Dir. of Community Development staff for committee; Megan Jones; Sarah Flax

**Media Present:** EvanstonNow, Evanston RoundTable, 2 Northwestern Daily, (no Evanston Review)

**Meeting began:** 7:20pm

**Meeting Ended:** 7:45pm

**Discussion, Action:**

**For Action**

**(P1) Grant Renewal with Open Communities for Continuation of the Evanston Landlord-Tenant Program**

The Housing, Homelessness and Human Relations Commission and staff recommend approval of a \$40,500 renewal grant to Open Communities (614 Lincoln Ave, Winnetka, IL 60093) to continue the Evanston Landlord-Tenant Program.

Fareed Mohammed, Open Communities part-time Evanston staff was introduced; briefly questioned about choice of 9-12 for local walk-in hours. Approved 5-0.

**(P2) Community Partners for Affordable Housing Application for HOME & Affordable Housing Funding**

The Housing, Homelessness and Human Relations Commission and staff recommend approval of two forgivable loans in the not to exceed amounts of \$252,662 in HOME funds and \$326,502 in Affordable Housing Funds to Community Partners for Affordable Housing for the acquisition and rehabilitation of two affordable rental housing units. Funding is from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the City's Affordable Housing Fund. Currently, the City has a total of \$300,000 in HOME funds and \$1,000,000 in Affordable Housing Funds budgeted in FY 2017

Sarah Flax was questioned about the cost of the Affordable Housing units being proposed.

Aldermen Holmes and Rainey concerned that cost of these units would not be afforded by the people who truly needed such housing. Alderman Rainey asked to know what are these properties; suggested this topic appropriate to be discussed for Executive Session. After a short back and forth, Aldermen Wilson requested the item be held until next meeting

**For Introduction**

**(P3) Ordinance 42-O-17, Major Adjustment to a Planned Development at 1881 Oak Avenue**  
Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance 42-O-17 for approval of a Major Adjustment to a

Planned Development at 1881 Oak Avenue, also known as E2. The applicant proposes to reduce the number of required parking spaces, currently 353, by 25% (88 spaces) in order to lease those spaces to the public. The applicant has agreed to a one-time \$5,000 contribution to the City of Evanston Divvy Program as a public benefit. Approved 6-0.

**For Introduction and Action**

**(P4) Ordinance 38-O-17, Granting a Special Use for a Business/Vocational School, Knowledge Systems Institute, at 820 Davis St.**

The Zoning Board of Appeals and City staff recommend adoption of Ordinance 38-O-17 granting special use approval for a Business/Vocational School, Knowledge Systems Institute, at 820 Davis St. in the D3 Downtown Core Development District. The applicant has complied with all zoning requirements and meets all of the standards for a special use for this district. *Alderman Wilson recommends suspension of the rules for Introduction and Action at the April 24, 2017 City Council meeting. Approved 6-0.*