

Observer: Jessica Feldman (by TV) w/ help from Sue Loelbach

Meeting began: 7:15pm

Meeting Ended: 7:50pm

Staff Present: Erika Storlie, Committee staff; Johanna Leonard, Mario Treto (attorney)

Media Present: EvanstonNow

Citizen Comment: *Citizen comment is included under the discussion of each Ordinance.*

For Action

(P1) Vacation Rental License for 2001 Orrington Avenue

Neighbor: Stated not received notice; Owner: Has proof of sending notices.

Ald. Fiske, though she thinks it is a wonderful plan, still held in committee until next meeting.

(P2) Vacation Rental License for 1109 Garnett Place

Owner said he lives in Winnetka and plans full time rentals of the two units but wants license for times between tenants. Neighbor says property is poorly maintained; block already has one licensed off-site owner. That is enough. Need to retain still affordable character of block near downtown. Ald. Revelle said she heard from a neighbor objecting to the request. Ald. Revelle further reminded that have previously talked about having a boarder discussion about this topic; she thinks they need to have a full bloomed discussion Ald. Wynne thought they decided to revisit after a year when they had a better idea of the level of requests. Johanna reminded that in January they had agreed to come back in a year. Ald. Fiske asked if it could be sooner. Ms. Storlie said staff could do it for the July 9 meeting. 2nd neighbor spoke up, concerned about non-Evanstonian investors taking over ownership and changing character of these last remaining residential blocks near downtown. Said these investors are not concerned about Evanston only profit. Vote spilt 3-3 with Wynne, Fiske, and Revelle voting no. Item goes to Council with no recommendation.

(P3) Resolution 32-R-18, Plat of Resubdivision for 2652 Sheridan Road

The applicant, Joshua Siegel, representing Illinois Institute of Technology, is proposing to re-subdivide the property into 2 lots. The proposed lots will exceed the minimum lot dimension requirements for the district. Property inherited by IIT. IIT wants to sub-divide property to sell; currently house straddles the property line. Ald. Revelle stated there was no reason not to subdivide property. Approved.

For Introduction and Action

(P4) Ordinance 68-O-18, Special Use Permit to Expand Community Center Located at 1215 Church Street and 1726-1730 Ridge Avenue

The Zoning Board of Appeals and City staff recommend adoption of Ordinance 68-O-18 granting special use approval for the expansion of a Community Center – Public and Recreation Center in the R4 General Residential District. *Alderman Braithwaite recommends suspension of the rules.* Karen Singer, CEO of YWCA stated the house would only be used for staff offices because of the growth in staff. Ald. Rainey raised her consistent concern about taking taxable property off the tax roles—even for good works, but said she would support this request. Approved unanimously.

(P5) Ordinance 66-O-18, Adding City Code Subsection 5-4-5-6, “Examination of Records by Unit Owners”

Pursuant to Alderman Fiske’s request and within the City’s home rule authority, Ordinance 66-O-18 will codify and incorporate Public Act 100-0292 record keeping requirements into the City of Evanston Municipal Code, but prohibit the unauthorized access to condominium unit owners’ email addresses and telephone numbers. *Alderman Fiske recommends suspension of the rules for introduction and action.*

Aldermen Wilson and Revelle. questioned need for suspension. Responding to a request from Ald. Fiske, Assistant City Attorney Mario Treto explained an amendment to the state law that would exempt email and phones from disclosure is working its way through the legislature and this. Ordinance is proposed to correspond with that one. Ald. Revelle said she had heard from a condo owner whose building may be going through a potential conversion; a number of owners are concerned about this and would like to be able to communicate with their fellow owners about their concerns. Ald. Revelle moved Introduction only. Approved.

For Action

(P6) Resolution 22-R-18, Approving a Plat of Resubdivision for 1727 Oak Avenue The Plan Commission and staff recommend adoption of Resolution 22-R-18, approving a Plat of Resubdivision for 1727 Oak Avenue. The applicant requests a subdivision to separate the development parcel from the 1007 Church parcel. Approved 5-1 (Ald. Fiske voting no).