

**Observer:** Sue Calder

**Aldermen Present:** All except Rainey

**Staff Present:** Bobkiewicz, Storlie, Masoncrop, Leonard, Flax, Clement, Ephraim, Desai, King, Louis-Lapin, and Eddington.

**Media Present:** EvanstonNow, Daily, Roundtable.

**Meeting Began:** 6:10 pm

**Meeting Ended:** after 9 pm

**No. Of Citizens in Attendance:** Full house.

**Mayor** recognized a few Girl Scouts from Washington School who were working on their civics badge.

Evanston was recognized By Catherine Hurley (former Evanston employee, on the board of Star Communities, works at Argonne) as a 4-STAR Sustainable Community and the first city to be LEED certified.

**Clerk:** no communications

**Public Comment:** 12 speakers

Two on CTA proposed changes (against)

Junad on budget and what a poor job Bobkiewicz has done

Two on the Pumping Station in 5<sup>th</sup> ward said the ward was not included in planning. City thus is burdening the ward with this and also the transfer station. In addition the 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker said she has been harassed.

One to save Harley-Clarke

Affordable Housing– need a plan, ETHS student supported AH (with 6 others behind her), 3 unrelated rule (NU student), ensure that a plan work in tandem with Planned Development on Inc. Housing

### **For Action**

- Resolution to support direct public transportation service to ETHS. Pace board member stated that this is part of a process and no action will be at the May meeting; the public meeting at the Levy Center had 97 attend from 4-7 on a weekday and those comments will be part of the May meeting. VP for Planning for CTA stated that they have planned to consolidate routes for some time. Wynne said the timing was poor and hearings should be held in the evening or on Sat. (response was that hearings are scheduled so that public transportation is available).
- Resolution to have an intergovernmental agreement with ETHS recognizing the Geometry in Construction Program. This memorializes the expectations of each entity. The program has been in place for 5 years and the 5<sup>th</sup> home will be relocated to 2000 block of Grey Ave. Flax stated that the City has 2 additional lots in line for the future.
- Staff is directed to review how to expand accessory dwelling units. Currently only coach houses, but could be expanded that ADUs could be built and rented out - add greater diversity

to neighborhoods without changing the character. Long analysis in the packet from AARP. Will go to P&D for discussion and then to Plan Commission. Staff also announced that 70 units would be built in the parking lot behind 1900 Sherman.

- Special use for small lots would allow developers to construct modest-sized homes than currently allowed by zoning and to use non-confirming parcels that are under-developed. Would be handled on an individual basis, would require neighborhood input. Rue Simmons suggested that 2120 Darrow, a double lot, could be used. Sent to P&D for discussion.

- Aldermanic comments

- 1) Revelle reported that the energy efficient home that NU students developed was purchased and will finally be located on Wesley. NU plans to compete again in constructing another for 2018 and requested that a lot be identified prior to development. That lot will be across from the City's Service Center, will have two homes and an ADU and be owned by a land trust.

- 2) Revelle moved to direct the HHC to develop a affordable housing "plan" with measurable goals, strategies to work with the broader community, identify the needs of the community and how to allocate the money the City has. After discussion Hagerty proposed that the staff lay out the scope of work and present it to the Council at a special Affordable Housing meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday in July. Flax commented that an assessment is in the staff's White Paper from the fall, but that the data is several years old.

- 3) Wilson moved that P&D develop an ordinance to repeal the 3-unrelated requirement. Fiske wanted to wait a year until the impact of sophomores living on campus impacts housing. Revelle suggested it be expanded to include owner-occupied housing. Fiske urged for rooming houses, which are licensed and inspected. To be discussed at the 5/14 P&D meeting.

### **For Action and Place on File**

- Parts of the affordable housing work plan were moved as stated above. The IHO Housing Finance Workshop will be on 5/30 at 6:30 pm - the panel for this sounds superior.
- There was a presentation on the priority based budgeting process. Essentially 152 programs were evaluated; about half were removed as they are mandated by law. A small group with one representative from each department then assigned points (1 - 4) to each of the remaining. Any with all "4" stayed in. Within 3 weeks there will be a Google survey online to get input from the public on the remainder. It was suggested that staff include in the survey a brief description of each program and some \$\$ figures - revenue and expenses. Wynne urged a pretest of the survey as a prior survey was poorly designed.

### **Call of the Wards**

Suffredin asked staff to prepare a map/list of where all the residential parking streets are, how many spaces are in each and how many permits are issued. Wilson and Wynne questioned him strongly - did he mean 2-hour permits? at train stations? just during the day or just in the evening? was it only for his ward? etc. He stated that this should all be on the computer. Was he anticipating a 100-hour work or a 5-hour work effort?