

**Observer:** Sue Calder

**Aldermen Present:** Rue Simmons, Braithwaite, Rainey (Revelle in audience)

**Staff Present:** Richardson, Cummins, Kerr, Flax

**Media Present:** EvanstonNow, Roundtable

**Meeting Began:** 9:20am

**Meeting Ended:** 10:20am

**No. of Citizens in Attendance:** 25

Mostly discussion on the policy of reparations for housing, currently at \$400,000 with the goal of building equity in one's home.

There are three remedies proposed all capped at a maximum of \$25,000 and all are forgivable loans if one lives in the home for 10 years.

- Home Purchase
- Home Improvement
- Mortgage Assistance (can't be used to pay overdue taxes)

To qualify one must be:

- Descendant of a Black resident who lived here between 1919 and 1969
- Someone who suffered from discrimination through Evanston policies or ordinances (Thus not available for a 30-year resident...)

Could use this for owner occupied 1–4 unit home. Question that needs to be researched is if the loan could be used for a larger building as long as it was owner occupied.

The committee is receiving help from a law school as well as a bank in answering some of their questions.

Rainey reported that:

- as of July1 the sales tax income should increase from \$40,000 to \$50,000
- the current dispensary was planning on expanding into the car rental office
- the issue of licenses for at least two additional dispensaries were being held up at the state

ZBA held a hearing on licensing a transportation site (only picks up and delivers the marijuana) but got push back from neighbors. Rainey urged people to come to ZBA and show support as well as lobby state legislators.

There will be another Town Hall Meeting in August.

Going to one meeting per month on the last Friday at 9:15 am (except Nov. and Dec.)