

Observer: Jessica Feldman

Meeting began: 7:15pm

Meeting Ended: 7:50pm

Aldermen Present: Alderman Wynne, Ch., Aldermen Wilson, Fiske, Revelle, and Rainey, Suffredin.

Staff Present: Moirant Hernandez, fellow taking Action Minutes; Michelle Masoncup, Erika Storlie, committee staff

Media Present: Evanston Roundtable, Evanston Review

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

Discussion, Action:

For Introduction

(P1) Ordinance 39-O-18, Granting Major Zoning Relief for a new 2-story, 134,200 square foot Community Center at 1801 Main St., the New Robert Crown Community Center

The applicant requests: a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.18 where a maximum FAR of 0.15 is allowed; 229 off-street parking spaces where a minimum of 334 off-street parking spaces are required; zero loading docks where a minimum of 2 long loading docks are required. The applicant has complied with all other zoning requirements, and meets all of the standards for major variation in the OS Open Space District. Approved 7-0.

(P2) Ordinance 40-O-18, Amending the City Code, "Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards: General Provisions" Relating to Front Porches

The Plan Commission and staff recommend approval of Ordinance 40-O-18 to amend the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the required front yard setback for porches in order to allow front porches with a usable depth without the need for zoning relief.

Citizen comment: Pat Rodgers, former Ch. of ZBA and Mary Beth Berns, current Ch. of ZBA:

Should be 10 ft. not 8 ft. for max. sizes of setbacks front porches that would just be handled administratively without needing to request zoning relief. Also concerned enclosed porches not be allowed to avoid a slippery slope to becoming additional inside rooms. Also, suggested a ZBA representative be included on the Zoning Committee of the Plan Commission to provide more the ZBA perspective in their recommendations.

Item held in Committee.

(P3) Ordinance 12-O-18: Amending City Code Title 4, Chapter 13, "Floodplain Regulations"

Staff recommends City Council approval of Ordinance 12-O-18, amending portions of Title 4, Chapter 13 of the Evanston City Code, "Floodplain Regulations." Staff is proposing amendments that would strengthen regulations addressing permit review and construction concerns on lakefront restoration projects.

Citizen Comment: Attorney spoke for resident at 925 Edgemere, who has all State and Federal permissions required and plans are in works now. Wants assurance that they can proceed and will not be affected by changes being proposed.

In response to her question Ms. Masoncup assured Ald. Rainey that City supports this resident's proceeding with plans. She said reason for the proposed Floodplain Regulations is to ensure that the City is informed of any residents' work on the lakeshore as early as possible in the process rather than as happens now after the IDNP and Corps of Engineers have given their decisions. Committee members had additional Ordinance drafting concerns relative to clarity.

Unanimous approval for Introduction but sent back for clarifications before Action.