

**Observer Report**  
**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday September 29, 2020**

**Start Time:**

**End Time: 6:02**

**In Attendance: Rainey, Rue Simmons, Suffredin, and Wynne (Chair), Wilson, Fiske, Revelle**

**I. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM: ALDERMAN Wynne**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**PDM1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF September 14, 2020**

**III Public Comment (Before Item)**

**IV Items for Consideration**

**P1. Renewal Contract for Landlord Tenant Services with Metropolitan Tenants Organization and Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing for October 1, 2020-December 31, 2021. Approved.**

Presentation from Sara Flax. There were 409 cases in 19-20, approximately 37 per month and a 34% increase from last year. Top two categories were maintenance and lease questions which comprised 42% of cases. Most issues were brought up tenants. Landlords asked mostly about COVID eviction rules.

**P2. Resolution 73-R-20, Approving a Plat of Subdivision for 2404 Ridge Avenue – Tabled to date certain 11-9-20**

2 speakers from neighborhood against resolution. Sean Jones (lawyer for owner also spoke). This case has been going on for several years. City counsel said Sean was third lawyer he has dealt with since January. Request for subdivision was approved by Zoning, this resolution has restrictions and additions added by city. Alderman perplexed by what exactly they were voting on. Did it include the four restrictions or just the subdivision. City Counsel suggested he get together with new lawyer to discuss. Alderman Revelle and neighbors against sub division as main house, sub division house, barn (being turned into apartment) and all guests would have to use the alley which is narrow as the house faces Ridge Ave. with no parking.

**V. Items for Discussion**

**PDD1. Regulations Regarding the Occupancy of Dwelling Units, Including the Definition of Family – Sent to Plan Commission for discussion**

Before they decided to send this to the Plan Commission there was discussion about the definition of family. Alderman Wilson said he does not want a definition of family in this regulation. Who decides what a family should be. Wynne added that she believes this is trying to get at a different problem, one of feeling of community loss in certain neighborhoods as homes are transformed in to rental units for students as well as the loss of homes conditions as they tend to run into disrepair. Fiske said it should go to Plan Commission as a referral and they should discuss the 3 unrelated tenants and how to move forward.

## **VI. Items for Consideration**

### **PDC1. Mobility in the Time of COVID**

This was an unbelievably detailed report about public transportation including Metra and CTA. She described all they were doing to keep the public safe. There was also a report on DIVY bikes and the new e bikes introduced to Evanston. If this is of interest to you look on the city's website.