

**Observer:** Sue Calder

**Aldermen Present/Absent:** Burns (chair), Harris, Revelle, Reid, and Geracaris

**Staff Present:** Stowe, Ogbo, Cummmings. Nieuwsma was in the audience.

**Meeting Began:** 5:10 pm

**Meeting Ended:** 6:07 pm

**No. of Citizens in Attendance:** About 20

### **Presentation by the Arts Council**

Was a well prepared and tight presentation outlining the variety of programs offered by the Arts Council as well as the grants it gives out.

**Citizen Comment:** Seven (including former Chief Eddington) spoke about problems with the proposed license for the Margareta Inn as temporary shelter for people who are homeless: would take property off tax roll, police have been prevented to entering the building, police may not have a list of residents, too many panhandlers. Three spoke in favor: the use of the Inn for homeless demonstrates compassion and we need more shelters; supports the concepts in the 2012 report by the mayor's of providing more support for homeless and uses a Housing First model; would help the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward be more diverse.

### **Items for Consideration**

HS1 – Proposed calendar for Human Services. Revelle pointed out that the July meeting was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and asked if that was a City holiday. Ogbo checked and it was. Motion passed with no changes.

HS2. Modifying ordinance on Shelters for the Temporary Homeless. Although this would be held for December as the Land Commission deems that the use of the Margareta Inn should be considered a “rooming house” rather than a temporary shelter, Burns determined that since all were present, it would be discussed now. Nieuwsma was asked to make a statement in which he said he was in favor of the use, the proposal included the license, approval by the Land Use Commission and a Good Neighbor's Agreement. He had some concerns about the ordinance and since the City is establishing a new concept, time should be taken to ensure that it is done well. One concern was that residents could have alcohol in their rooms and mentioned that Oak Park does not allow alcohol at their shelter. However, the City needs to do a better job with the panhandling issue, establishing this effort would demonstrate that Evanston is a welcoming City, and that the Margareta Inn is part of the solution to homelessness. Reid is in favor or the license, Burns would like to see more research on other like establishments and wanted to know about how property standards would be maintained and inspected, Harris would like to ensure there are wrap-around services provided. Questions were what about a hotel tax, need to know more about the economic impact on the value of the neighborhood. There were questions about how Connections were implementing the Homeless Bill of Rights. Cummings stated that Connections and the police need to find a solutions on their problems.

HS3. Miranda Warnings. Reid wanted a section in the ordinance (87-0-22) ensuring that Miranda warnings continue to be the rule – concerned that the Supreme Court was whittling

away at some issues. Police assured him that they had no intention of dropping the use of Miranda Warnings. Passed with all ayes.

HS4. Amend Portions of Food Service and Retail Food Store Sanitation. This was about raising the fees to the City for licenses. Reid asked if it went to Referrals. It was a staff recommendation and merely administrative and fees generally follow the increases in inflation. Ogbo was asked if this was returned to Referrals, what impact would it cause. He responded that this would delay the issuance of licenses and may therefore raise the fees since inflation was likely to continue. Reid stated that anything that goes to Council is "policy" and not "administration." Reid moved to suspend the Rules and allow this to go forward, but that the peddler license should remain at \$50. Passed with all ayes.

HS5. Amend portions of the Public Nudity, etc Policy. Reid stated that all groups agreed that it should not be limited to the "female body." Revelle stated she had no one contact her in favor of nudity at the beaches and recommended an amendment that the language be changed to mirror that of the villages to the north which state that deals with "persons not properly or decently dressed." Amendment passed and the motion passed with all ayes.