

**Observer Report  
Planning and Development  
Monday, October 14, 2019**

**Start Time: 7:15  
End Time: 7:55**

**In Attendance: Rainey, Suffredin, Revelle, Wynne, Fiske, Rue Simmons (Chair)  
Media: Evanston NOW, Roundtable, NWU  
Staff: All Department Heads**

**Agenda**

II. Public Comment

There were six speakers. Five talking against Welsh Ryan Arena and NWU adding events. One telling committee not to be counting on Cannabis taxes for next budget and commending Northlight for not asking for financial assistance from city.

III. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of 9/23/2019

IV. Items for Consideration

**For Consent Agenda- Passed**

**(P1) Ordinance 126-O-19 Allowing Cannabis Dispensaries in Certain Zoning Districts**

Approved for Introduction so that the city can keep on a path toward the current dispensary of medical marijuana moving forward toward getting their license for recreational marijuana. They must have their application in by 1/1/2019. Much discussion about what guidelines should be in place for the text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. What is considered a school? Fiske wanted Noyes Cultural Arts Building considered as well as the Montessori School. Others believed this means there will be no place in Evanston for a dispensary because children take classes all over the city. City Attorney explained that these would each need approval by City Council. Fiske pointed out that that meant the citizens would constantly have to be on guard against a dispensary in their neighborhood if it wasn't excluded in the text amendment. Good discussion. City will come up with new map for discussion in December.

**(P2) Ordinance 127-O-19 Granting a Ma Amendment at 951-1125 Howard Street to Rezone from C1 Commercial District to the B2 Business District**

This change allows for residential building in this area over commercial on the first floor. One project for this area is an affordable housing project that Alderman Rainey spoke about with great enthusiasm.