

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

September 13, 2010

7:45 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE (DP&Z)

- RE: 1) Case Number 10P-07/City of Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments
Request to amend the text of the Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Section 10.2-2, Table I, Class No. 9fff – Delete “Physical Fitness Facilities”
Section 10.2-2, Table I, Class No. 10 – add new “e” Physical Fitness Facilities
Section 11.6i – Add provision to limit “Political Signs” to 6 square feet in area
Section 11.6i – Redefine the number of days a “Political Sign” can be erected
prior to an election (due to early voting)
Section 13.2 – Modify definition of “Grade” for buildings that do not have a wall
adjoining a street.
- 2) Case Number 10P-08/City of Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment
Request to amend the text of the Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Section 13.2 – Add definition of Physical Fitness Facility/Health Clubs
- 3) Review of Elmhurst Central Business District Retail Business Grant Program
- 4) Other Business

Committee Members Present: Morley, Rose

Committee Members Absent: Leader

City Staff Present: Werner/Kopp

Others Present: None

Chairman Morley called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. The Committee discussed Item #1 which is a request by the City of Elmhurst to amend the text of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the parking requirements for physical fitness facilities, political sign size, and the definition of “Grade”. Staff again advised the Committee that the proposed text amendment relating to the amount of time a political sign can be displayed was tabled by the Zoning and Planning Commission because, on June 3, 2010, Public Act 96-0904 was signed into Illinois law that the

length of time a political sign can be displayed can no longer be regulated by any municipality in Illinois, including home rule communities. The Committee discussed the sizes of political signs as proposed and recommended by the Zoning and Planning Commission. After discussion, the Committee agreed to continue discussion of Item #1 at a future DPZ meeting. The Committee requested Staff to research if other States have limitations on the number of days a political sign can be displayed and/or limitations on the sizes of political signs.

The Committee discussed Item #2, a proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment adding a definition of physical fitness facilities/health clubs to the Zoning Ordinance. Because this request is tied to Item #1, the Committee agreed to continue discussion at a future DPZ meeting.

The Committee discussed Item #3, the Review of Elmhurst Central Business District Retail Business Grant Program. Assistant Manager/Fire Chief Kopp reviewed the proposed changes to the Retail Grant Program noting that this year \$30,000.00 was allocated for this program; \$2,500.00 has been awarded so far this year. Mr. Kopp stated that there is a 75% success rate of the 42 businesses awarded the retail grant.

Under Other Business, the Committee reconfirmed that Staff is gathering requested information regarding a pending referral (building moratorium).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Nathaniel Werner, Planning & Zoning Administrator