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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

October 22, 2012
7:00 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE (DP&Z)

- RE:
- 1) Discussion – Consideration of an Ordinance to allow chickens in residential districts - Referral from Aldermen Polomsky, Dunn and Leader
 - 2) Continued Discussion – Building Code Review
 - 3) Continued Discussion of Pending Item – Electronic Signs
 - 4) Other Business
 - 5) Public Comments

Committee Members Present: Morley, Polomsky, Leader

Committee Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Werner, Grabowski, Dubiel

Elected Officials Present: Dunn (part time)

Chairman Morley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item # 1 – Discussion – Consideration of an Ordinance to allow chickens in residential districts – Referral from Aldermen Polomsky, Dunn and Leader

The Committee discussed the referral to consider allowing chickens in residential districts.

After discussion, the Committee requested staff to find out which municipalities in the Chicago region allow chickens, if other municipalities have allowed on a trial basis, and if other municipalities have allowed chickens and then rescinded the law. Chairman Morley stated that this issue is also being reviewed by the Public Affairs and Safety Committee of City Council who will concentrate on the health and safety issues associated with chickens. The DPZ Committee will hold further discussion until the PA&S Committee reports their findings.

Agenda Item #2 – Continued Discussion – Building Code Review

The Committee discussed the building code review issue. Staff will compile information relative to this review, which will occur when the Committee reviews the entire revision/update to the ICC building code, probably in the spring of 2013.

Agenda Item #3-Continued Discussion of Pending Item – Electronic Signs

Staff briefed the Committee on the concept of having public workshops to discuss the issue of electronic signs in residential neighborhoods before going to public hearings. The Committee concurred. Staff will organize the workshops, which will begin in the first quarter of 2013.

Agenda Item #4-Other Business

None

Agenda Item #5-Public Comment

Chairman Morley opened Public Comments for anyone in attendance who wanted to address the Committee. John Quigley stated that he will be available to discuss the Shop Elmhurst and Got It initiatives at the next DPZ meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Nathaniel J. Werner, Planning and Zoning Administrator