

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

May 14, 2007

7:30 P.M.

### DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE (DP&Z)

- RE: 1) Case Number 07 ZBA - 08 / Caforio Variation @ 773 N. Indiana Avenue  
Request for an interior side and front yard setback variation, pursuant to Section 7.3-5a of the Elmhurst Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of constructing a room addition on property commonly known as 773 N. Indiana Avenue (PIN: 03-25-320-019), said property being wholly located within the R1 Single Family Residence district.
- 2) Review of Pending Items
- 3) Other Business

Committee Members Present: Rose, Leader

City Staff Present: Said

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and she discussed the new makeup of the Committee.

The first item discussed was Number 07 ZBA - 08 / Caforio Variation @ 773 N. Indiana Avenue. Chairman Rose reviewed the application. The request is for an addition and the conditions required for approval of a variation were reviewed by Chairman Rose. The Committee agreed that the plight is unique as the home is a split-level and there is limited room for an addition and that the character of the neighborhood will be maintained. The Committee noted that the Zoning and Planning Commission recommended that the existing shed be removed as a condition of approval of the request; however, the Committee does not agree with this and does not recommend it as a condition in their report. The Committee will issue a report recommending approval of the request which will be placed on the Consent Agenda for the May 21, 2007 City Council meeting.

Under Review of Pending Items, the Committee discussed the topic of the creation of an Environmental Commission. The Committee believes there are more productive methods than a Commission that would encourage safe environmental practices, including (1) the issuance of a yearly "report card" evaluating environmental practices in all departments, (2) assigning a staff person as environmental officer for the City, (3) providing information and links on the City website that promote safe environmental practices, (4) creating benchmarks for the City, and (5) developing partnerships with the Park District and the Elmhurst Garden Club to host annual educational events for residents. Finally, the Committee recommends maintaining contact with the Elmhurst League of

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Women Voters as they study the “Cool Cities” concept for adoption in the City. The Committee will issue a summary of their discussion to the Public Affairs and Safety Committee, as this topic was previously considered in a joint meeting. The Committee also noted that the construction of the new fire station could be a green roof opportunity.

Under Other Business, the Committee noted that there may not be a Committee meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> with the possibility of a presentation by the Hospital.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by John D. Said, Director, Department of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development