

## **MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 8, 2008

8:00 P.M.

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

- RE: 1) Case Number 08P-12/ Cricket Communications Conditional Use  
Request for Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of co-location of cellular antenna on an existing tower, and increasing the tower height from 75' to 90', on property commonly known as 211 W. Spangler Avenue (PIN 03-26-406-021), said property being located within the II Restricted Industrial District. Referred by City Council at 12/01/08 meeting.
- 2) Environmental and Sustainability Initiatives – Report  
Continued discussion from 11/10/08
- 3) Fire Suppression (Sprinklers) for Single Family Homes  
Continued discussion from 8/25/08
- 4) City of Elmhurst Wireless Radio Network – Fire Alarm Direct Connections
- 5) Other Business

Committee Members Present: Rose, Gutenkauf

Elected Officials Present: Alderman Bram (part time)

City Staff Present: Said, Spiroff, Streicher (part time), Chief Kopp (part time)

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. and introductions were made.

The Committee began discussion of item #1, Case Number 08P-12/Cricket Communications Conditional Use. The case was sent back to the Committee at the 12/01/08 City Council meeting. There was concern about the height of the tower if Cricket was no longer using the site and it was stated that if another use occupied the site, a new conditional use would be required. The Committee report recommending approval will be modified and placed under Reports on the City Council agenda for December 15, 2008. In addition, the Committee will recommend that the rules be suspended and the ordinance approved at the same meeting.

The Committee then began their continued discussion of the sustainability report. This item was introduced by Chairman Rose and the modifications were reviewed. Upon completing changes to the report, the Committee supported the revisions. The revised draft report will be sent to the Public Affairs and Safety Committee for their review and a joint report from DP&Z and PA&S will be presented to the City Council in January, 2009.

The Committee then began discussion of Item #3, Fire Suppression (Sprinklers) for Single Family Homes. The topic was introduced by Chairman Rose. Fire Chief Kopp stated that data on this issue is difficult to collect and there are many variables involved that impact this. After discussion, the Committee agreed to issue a report recommending that, at this time, builders be required to offer this option for all new construction and major remodeling and the Committee will revisit this topic in a year. The report will be placed on the Consent Agenda on the City Council agenda for December 15, 2008.

The Committee then discussed Item #4, City of Elmhurst Wireless Radio Network – Fire Alarm Direct Connections. Chief Kopp introduced the topic and stated that code now requires direct connection to Police and DuComm. However, a wireless network is more reliable and the City would coordinate the changes to the network. The Committee generally supports the concept as it will increase reliability and provide a new funding source for the City. They agreed to discuss this again in January 2009 when more information will be available.

The Committee agreed they will not hold a meeting on December 22, 2008.  
There was no Other Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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