

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

April 13, 2009

7:00 P.M.

DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE (DP&Z)

- RE: 1) City of Elmhurst Comprehensive Plan – Request for Approval
 2) Swimming Pool Fencing – Continued Discussion from 3/09/09
 3) Other Business

Committee Members Present: Rose, Leader, Gutenkauf

City Staff Present: Said

Others Present: Phil Hanegraaf

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

City staff summarized the Comprehensive Plan process, public meetings and input, schedule and results. Zoning and Planning Commission involvement was extensive (30 public meetings) and provided insight to the consultant and City staff.

Phil Hanegraaf summarized the proposed Comprehensive Plan, stating that adjustments were made as time went on and he checked in with the community and the Zoning and Planning Commission. He stated that subareas were also a focus of the Plan. He stated that the Plan builds upon some of the goals initially developed in the 1990 Plan. Traffic management and recommendations were also identified in the Plan and sustainability was also discussed. A detailed implementation matrix was discussed as a means to implement the Plan recommendations.

Chairman Rose commented that this is a remarkable document dealing with land use and development, buffer recommendations, code enforcement, maintaining infrastructure and many other good recommendations. Alderman Leader stated that the Plan is clearly flexible and dynamic and is just what the community needs. Alderman Gutenkauf commented on the Plan's recommendation for the necessary transitional buffers between commercial and residential areas. She stated that this is an important tool from a zoning perspective and will be helpful in evaluating future amendment requests. The Committee agreed that it is necessary for the Plan to be flexible in reviewing future issues.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to issue a report recommending that the City Council approve the adoption of the proposed Comprehensive Plan. They will issue a report to be placed under Reports on the City Council agenda for April 20, 2009.

The Committee then agreed that the second agenda item, swimming pool fencing, will be discussed at a later date.

Under Other Business, Chairman Rose stated that this is the last meeting of this iteration of the Development, Planning and Zoning Committee and she thanked Mr. Said and Aldermen Leader and Gutenkauf for their efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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