

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved July 12, 2021

MINUTES

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

May 10, 2021 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Alderman Stout called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call found Aldermen James Beifuss, Melissa Birch Ferguson, Christine Dettmann, John Jakabscin, Jayme Sheahan and Rebecca Stout present.

Also in attendance was Community Development Director, Tom Dabareiner.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. March 8, 2021.

Alderman Birch Ferguson moved and Alderman Sheahan seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Birch Ferguson, Jakabscin, Sheahan and Stout. Voting to Abstain: Alderman Dettmann. Voting Nay: 0.

3. Public Participation. None.

4. Items for Consent.

A. 1700 & 1750 Downs Drive – FXI, Inc., on behalf of AGNL Foam LLC, is requesting approval of a Minor Subdivision to perform a Lot Consolidation of two parcels on a 13.8 acre property located in the M Manufacturing District.

B. 146-148 Washington Street – Kindred Coffee seeks a façade grant for exterior brick tuck-pointing and roof replacement.

C. 527 Main Street – The West Chicago Historical Society seeks a façade grant to pay for trim painting at the Kruse House.

Alderman Jakabscin moved, and Alderman Birch Ferguson seconded the motion to approve Items 4. A., B., and C. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Birch Ferguson, Dettmann, Jakabscin, Sheahan and Stout. Voting Nay: 0.

5. Items for Discussion.

A. Election of Development Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson – The Development Committee [is] a standing committee of the City Council (Sec. 2-74). Members of standing committees shall elect their own chairman [and vice chairman] at their first meeting following the seating of Aldermen upon their election (Sec. 2-70).

Alderman Birch Ferguson moved to nominate Alderman Stout as Committee chairperson, and Alderman Beifuss seconded the nomination. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Birch Ferguson, Dettman, Jakabscin, Sheahan and Stout. Voting Nay: 0.

Alderman Stout moved to nominate Alderman Birch Ferguson as Committee vice chairperson, and Alderman Sheahan seconded the nomination. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Birch Ferguson, Dettman, Jakabscin, Sheahan and Stout. Voting Nay: 0.

6. Unfinished Business. None.

7. New Business.

Alderman Beifuss asked for an update on the short-term rental program. Tom Dabareiner answered that staff has a Zoom meeting with three short-term rental owners in the City to discuss the matter on Thursday, May 13, 2021. Alderman Jakabscin asked if any of those attending would be asked to obtain long-term rental licenses. Mr. Dabareiner replied that some of the proprietors staff has reached out to rent year-round, and so they may be required to obtain rental licenses rather than register as short-term rental properties.

8. Reports from Staff. None.

9. Adjournment.

Alderman Birch Ferguson moved, and Alderman Jakabscin seconded the motion to adjourn the Development Committee meeting at 7 : 0 7 p.m. Voting Aye: Aldermen Beifuss, Birch Ferguson, Dettman Jakabscin, Sheahan and Stout. Voting Nay: 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burke

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