



MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2005

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 30 people in attendance, including five who were presenting proposals to members. Kim Kaulas was this month's guest speaker on parkway beautification.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 9, 2005, meeting were unanimously approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report

No changes from last month.

Old Business

Membership: Chris presented a membership packet that includes brochure, newsletter and membership form. Materials will be packaged in a polybag and hung on doors in neighborhood. Volunteers are needed to stuff and distribute packets.

Organization Mail Box: Chris opened a mail box account for organization. The address is: PNB 259, 5315 N. Clark St., Chicago IL 60640.

ETNA Survey. Dana Ross provided a short survey for members to review.

Newsletter: Ad space for newsletter is as follows: \$30 for one-quarter page and \$60 for one-half page.

New Business

Parkway Beautification Presentation: Kim Kaulas presented the good, the bad and the ugly in parkway plantings and design. Hour-long presentation was followed by a Q.&A. session.

5874-84 N. Ridge Re-zoning Proposal: Present were owner and his attorney. The owner of 5874-84 N. Ridge Ave. is converting existing 19-unit rental apartments to 22-unit condominiums. A four-unit building next door is being demolished to make way for 20 parking spaces for the condos. Currently, address is zoned R-3. Parkers will exit off of Ridge Ave. It is the Alderman's recommendation that egress be right-turn only. Owner is asking for the address to be re-zoned R5.5, which allows for reduction of number of parking spaces by two. It also allows up to 40 units. Owner is willing to include a binding agreement that the roof will not be bumped up more stories nor will anything be added to the existing structure.

Motion: *It was moved that ETNA organization accept the proposal that the owner of 5874-84 N. Ridge could ask for re-zoning with the proviso that he includes a restrictive clause that no further stories will be added to the existing building that is being converted and that no build-outs or extensions would be added that would enlarge the development further than the 22 proposed units. The motion was seconded. Vote: The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.*

Incidental Liquor License for Leonardo's Restaurant: Present were owner, restaurant manager, and attorney. Leonardo's Tuscan Restaurant, a fine dining establishment, opened in December, 2004, at 5657 N. Clark St. Owner has applied for an "incidental liquor license" with the city. An incidental liquor license requires that revenues from food service be at least 60% and that the primary activity of the business is food service and not serving alcohol. The manager anticipates 70% of sales will be from food service. There are no stools at the bar for customers and drinks will be served at tables with meals. The liquor license is under the corporate name. If the restaurant were sold under its corporate name, the license would go along with it; however, the new owners would have to undergo the same process that the current owner is now doing: a background check by the city and obtaining neighborhood and alderman approval.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve an incidental liquor license for Leonardo's Restaurant.

Vote: The majority of members approved the request for an incidental liquor license for Leonardo's Restaurant. There was one "no." Motion carried.

Open Discussion

Anthony Boatman with the Organization of the Northeast (ONE) announced that they are holding a series of meetings in the neighborhood to get a consensus of issues in the area. His primary interest is jobs.

The ECC Planning & Development committee is holding a meeting about a development at Glenwood & Ridge.

The Green Corps is handing out seeds on April 2.

State Rep. Harry Osterman is asking for block club representatives to attend a presentation on the State budget. Chris will attend.

Attendees were asked to sign a condolence book for Judge Lefkow.

Chris has asked Alderman Smith to speak at the April meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Colello
Secretary
