

**Community Development Committee Report  
for Meeting on March 12, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Present: Aldermen Hawley, Vieyra, Carr, Ostling, Thompson, and Frausto

Absent: Alderman Bilotto

Also Present: Supervisor Nic Crite

The committee started with a discussion about Islands Bar on Olde Western. Supervisor Crite reported that they had a hearing with the Liquor Commissioner. Neither their business license nor Liquor License were suspended, but there were restrictions put on them. Their capacity was reduced from 300 to 200, the minimum age for entering was raised to 30 years old after 8 pm and they went from a 4 am license to closing at 2:15 am. DC Cornell is making sure the police are patrolling there and around the City at other problem areas more on the weekends. Things have been better at all of the areas as far as we have heard. There is a petition from residents asking to close them down as they have been given a lot of opportunities to rectify the situation. Ald. Ostling expressed some concern that this has happened before and she's not sure that this will work. This was the first step in a process that is needing to be followed in the process of dealing with a problem business.

Mr. Crite then went through his report.

**PLAN COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

· Review of Sign Ordinance

The Plan Commission is working on a Sign Ordinance for the entire City. Once it is in its final form, it will be brought to this Committee for discussion. There is discussion as to how it will be adopted. Whether it will replace all other sign ordinances and be a separate stand-alone ordinance, or will it be part of the Zoning Ordinance.

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA ITEMS**

· Variation - 12851 Clinton: Applicant will be seeking a variation of the property lot line to allow for the construction of an addition to the home within the rear yard of the property.

**APPROVED BUSINESS LICENSES**

Manufactures Depot: 2218 W 138th St

The business as presented is a RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT located in the I-1: Limited Industry District. The business has received a special use recommendation by both Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. As of Monday March 3, 2014 all inspections have been completed. City Council approved the special use recommendation at the Tuesday March 11, 2014 meeting and is approved to open.

Dos Brothers: 2426 Vermont

The business as presented is a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT (restaurant) located in the U-TOD: Uptown Transit Oriented Development District. As of Monday March 3, 2014 all inspections have been completed and approved to open.

Stylez R Us: 12841 S Western Ave

The business as presented is a RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT (clothing) located in the C-1: Central Area Commercial District. Upon inspection of the premises, the location was found to be in compliant with all applicable codes and ordinances. As of Thursday March 6, 2014 all inspections have been completed and approved to open.

Taco Mex: 12739 S Sacramento

The business as presented is a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT (restaurant) located in the R-1: Single Family Residential District. As of Tuesday February 18, 2014 all inspections have been completed and approved to open.

**PENDING BUSINESS LICENSES**

Vintage Hair Boutique: 12149 S Western Ave

The business as presented is a RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT located in the C-2: Highway Commercial District. Upon inspection of the premises, the business owner was given a list of items that must be completed from the building and fire

inspectors prior to the issuance of a business license. As of the date of this report no reinspection has been requested by the business owner.

**It Takes a Village: 1843 Oak St**

The home business as presented is a HOME DAY CARE located in the R-1: Single Family Residential District. Per the zoning ordinance as written this is a permitted business and must comply with the rules as established by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. As of the date of this report, the owner has not received authorization to from the Department of Children and Family Services to open.

**Allied Cleaning Services, Inc.: 12761-63 Western Ave**

The business as presented is a PERSONAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT: PROFESSIONAL OFFICE (pest control cleaning) located in the C-2: Highway Commercial District. The owner will be performing a building out of the space.

Ald. Hawley reported that the Lyric rehab is coming along. He will be using the theater part for presentations during open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act. An insurance office will be open in the small office on the north side of the building. He will be having performances on the weekends where tickets will be sold.

Mr. Crite presented the Building Department Report of Fees charged for February and Year to Date:

	February 2014 Activity		Year to Date	
	QTY	Revenue	QTY	Revenue
Building Permits	40	\$ 4,900.00	63	\$ 6,810.00
Plumbing Permits	6	\$ 570.00	13	\$ 980.00
Electrical Permits	9	\$ 2,080.00	20	\$ 2,950.00
Penalties	3	\$ 175.00	13	\$ 1,275.00
Stop Work Orders	8		15	\$ -
Apartment Inspections	21	\$ 600.00	38	\$ 1,195.00
Residential Inspections	9	\$ 1,130.00	30	\$ 3,415.00
Commercial Inspections	2		8	\$ -
Health/License Inspections	20		65	\$ -
Elevator Inspections	3	\$ 256.00	5	\$ 576.00
Not Approved for Occupancy	6		6	\$ -
Code Violations (Door Tags)	38		79	\$ -
Court Summons Issued			0	\$ -
Housing Court Fines Issued	2	\$ 150.00	4	\$ 250.00
Vacant Properties Registered	14	\$ 2,800.00	27	\$ 5,500.00
Vacant Properties Inspected	5	\$ 2,500.00	10	\$ 4,700.00
Contractor Registrations	22	\$ 2,200.00	45	\$ 4,500.00
Street Openings	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Parkway Openings	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Misc/Wrecking	36	\$ 9,385.00	36	\$ 9,385.00
Sewer Permit	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Board-Up	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Garage Sale	1	\$ 5.00	1	\$ 5.00
Business Licenses Issued			0	\$ -
Zoning			0	\$ -
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 26,751.00</b>		<b>\$ 41,541.00</b>

Mr. Crite presented the Building Department report for February 2014:

• Building Permits Issued	40
• Apartment Inspections	44
• Residential Inspections	19
• Health / License Inspections	20
• Commercial Inspections	-
• Letter of Conditions	-
• Demand Notices	-
• Court Summons Issued	-
• Complaints Checked	15
• Not Approved for Occupancy	6
• Code Violation door tags	38
• Notice of Christmas Decorations	4
• Stop Work Notices	8
• Housing Court Fines Issued	\$-
• Vacant Properties Registered	14
• Vacant Properties Inspected	5

The Business License Handbook was discussed. Ald. Hawley and Frausto brought up possibly taking out the copies of the ordinances in the back of the handbook. Maybe replace them with references to the Ordinances and people can look them up. We should have printed copies of the ordinances available at the Clerk's Office and anywhere else the packets will be in case people ask for that. The part on signage should reference the new Sign Ordinance and cross reference. We should also make sure fees and fines are put into the Fees and Fines Ordinance and referenced to that new ordinance that is currently being worked on for the City.

New Business:

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Request from Affordable Housing to have a fund raising event at their location. John Dunleavy represented. They are bringing in a Wrestling organization that will put on a show open to the public. They want to have it in June. It takes a few months to promote the show. The promoters have put on shows at Catholic High Schools and other institutions in the area. They usually like to confirm 3 events at once. D'Masti's will be providing catering and any liquor that would be sold. The Fire Inspector is coming in the next week to give an attendance limit. After much discussion, it was moved by Ald. Ostling and seconded by Ald. Thompson to recommend approval by the City Council for Affordable Housing to have this event subject to restrictions by the Fire Inspector. Motion passed. After this first event and we see how it goes, we can approve future events.

Ald. Ostling asked as to whether or not the Religious Order that owns Mother of Sorrows has a business license to rent out the facility as a banquet hall. We're not sure if a Not-for-Profit needs to do that or not. Supervisor Nic Crite will look into it and report back.

Ald. Frausto reported that there was a meeting with Olde Western Business owners, Ald. Johnson and Ald. Hawley regarding the sign at the entrance to the district. The designs that had been shown to the Committee were shown to the business owners. They would be paying for their business to be listed on the sign. They discussed a possible lottery to see which business would be listed at the top. The four businesses present were on board with the plans.

Under Alderman concerns, Ald. Ostling asked about the Tobacco shop. Their application said they would be a tobacco retail store with tobacco products. There are other things being sold, but they all seem to be tobacco related items.

Ald. Frausto asked about parking on 139<sup>th</sup>. Nic asked Mark Miller to follow up and he will check with him again.

Ald. Ostling asked about Dotty's. They went in for sign approval. The inside is done. They are waiting for approval from the state for the gambling machines. When they get the approvals, they should be able to open.

Ald. Vieyra asked about the Jewel property and some other businesses.