

**Community Development Committee Report
for Meeting on July 10, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

Present: Aldermen Hawley, Vieyra, Carr, Frausto
Absent: Aldermen Bilotto, Ostling, Thompson

Also Present: Fire Chief Terry Vrshek, Building Commissioner Robert Adams, Planning Director Nick Crite, Business Owners Abdel Jubeh, Tom Wallace, Shadie Besiri.

Tobacco and Cigarettes Discount, Inc., 11925 Western Ave. Abdel Jubeh was present to represent the business. This is a small store selling tobacco and tobacco products for retail. They expect one delivery per week. They will have one employee, the owner. Hours are 8 am to 9 pm. Signage has not been presented. They were told to present all signs and awning designs to the Building Department for approval. The business meets zoning and plan requirements and is recommended to be approved by the Planning Department. Motion made by Ald. Carr and seconded by Ald. Frausto to approve the business license pending final building and fire inspections as well as approval of any and all signage. Motion passed.

Santana Energy. No one appeared for the second month in a row.

La Finka. They were asked to appear and they did not attend the meeting. They will be asked to come to the August meeting.

Tuscan Grill. Shadie Besiri appeared. Inspections were done and the inspection report was presented. There were some items on the punch list. Also, a letter demanding the removal of the illegal sign put up without approval and covering a second story window was sent from the Chair before the business will be allowed to open. After much discussion, it was agreed that the restaurant could open as soon as the punch lists from the Building, Fire and Health Inspectors are cleared and the illegal signage is removed. They were told that any additional signage on York St. must go through the Building Department for approval. Motion was made by Ald. Frausto and seconded by Ald. Carr to approve the business license pending final building, fire and health inspections and the second floor sign is removed. Motion passed.

Dotty's, 12601 Western Ave. Tom Wallace was present. We met with Dan Fisher last month and many of the aldermen went to their Crestwood facility to check it out. The Building Commissioner said the parking lot had been patched. Chief Vrshek asked about fire alarm strobe lights so if there is an alarm going off, they know which one. Ald. Hawley asked about the façade of the rest of the building. The owner will Motion made by Ald. Carr and seconded by Ald. Frausto to approve this business application pending approval of a Liquor License and all final Building and Fire inspections. Motion passed.

Dream Bags, 13636 Western Ave. (Libby Building). Olga was present, however, Mr. Simborg was not there. Mr. Simborg has not presented plans for the entire second exit. He has presented a partial plan for getting over the parapet wall, but not for the entire walkway from their door to the parapet wall to the stairway. He was to have presented it three weeks ago. Since Mr. Simborg was not at the meeting, motion was made by Ald. Frausto and seconded by Ald. Vieyra to give one final 30 day extension on the temporary license. Plans need to be submitted to Building and Fire Departments and permits need to be pulled by a licensed contractor by the August meeting. If this has not happened and Mr. Simborg does not appear at the August 14th meeting, Dream Bags will need to be closed. Motion passed with Ald. Carr abstaining.

Ald. Vieyra asked about signage for the Tattoo Parlor at 119th and Western. It seems to be more of a temporary sign in nature and asked if it was approved. Building Commissioner Adams said the Building Department has been in touch with the owners regarding the sign.

Mr. Adams presented the Building Department report for June 2013:

• Building Permits Issued	120
• Apartment Inspections	53
• Residential Inspections	42
• Commercial Inspections	14
• Letter of Conditions	10
• Demand Notices	-
• Court Summons Issued	10
• Complaints Checked	35
• Not Approved for Occupancy	36
• Code Violation door tags	67
• Notice of Christmas Decorations	-
• Stop Work Notices	-
• Housing Court Fines Issued	\$6,750.00
• Vacant Properties Registered	18
• Vacant Properties Inspected	4

The revision of the Business Application Process was discussed. Planning Director Nick Crite presented a packet of information with items to look at from other cities. Discussion about how and where in the process the Community Development Committee should fit in. What is the role. The sample materials were reviewed and it was decided that Planning Director Nick Crite would work with Building Commissioner Adams and Chief Vrsheck on a "welcome packet" similar to one from Oak Park in the packet and revise the business application to take out the redundancy while still getting all of the required information. They will try to get something together by August 7th to send to the Committee members to review before the August meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14th at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hawley, Chairman