

**Community Development Committee Report
for Meeting on September 11, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

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

Also Present: Jason Berry, Nick Crite, Fire Chief Mark Leuty, Director John Rita, Business Owners
Jina Bernal, Jose Diaz, Gary Johnston, Lidia Flores, Cecilia Horn

Rancho Grand Nutrition #2, 12255 Western Ave: Mr. Jose Diaz represented. They are selling packaged goods and some prepared foods for tasting. They are an HerbaLife dealer. They need to get a sales tax number. They need to schedule all of their inspections, building inspection, health inspection and fire inspection. All signage would need to be approved by the Building Department. He was told handwritten signs are prohibited and temporary signs may only be up for a maximum of 30 days. Motion made by Ald. Ostling and seconded by Ald. Carr to approve the business license pending final inspections and signage approval. Motion passed.

Gina's on Olde Western, 13312-16 Olde Western Ave: Mr. Gary Johnston represented. They are taking over the operation of Gayla's bar. They will also need to file for a sales tax number. Signage design was included but not yet approved. One of the owners, Gina, was arrested for serving a minor in a sting about 13 years ago. She has not had a problem since, they will be carding. They will be serving bar food, frozen pizza, etc. They need all inspections and signage approval before they can take over. There is an existing kitchen and a larger room in the back for parties. The kitchen stove is currently not working and will not be used. Motion made by Ald. Carr and seconded by Ald. Thompson to approve the business license pending Building, Fire and Health inspections (only for frozen food preparation and catering) and signage approval. Motion passed.

All Insured Insurance Agency, 12841 Western Ave: Ms. Jina Bernal represented. Selling all types of home, auto and business insurance. She has another location in Chicago Heights. The sign pictured in the packet is a temporary type sign. The building department must approve all signage before they can open. She will be talking to the building owner about making some improvements to the façade. An awning would be nice. Motion made by Ald. Ostling and seconded by Ald. Carr to approve the business license pending final inspections and signage approval. Motion passed.

Blue Island Nutrition #2, 14001 Olde Western Ave: Ms. Lidia Flores represented. She came last month and we sent it back because it was thought it was an educational institution, but it is not, it is a business which is appropriate for this location. They will be serving food and need a health inspection. They have passed the building inspection. All signage must be approved, but there is none planned at this time. Motion made by Ald. Vieyra and seconded by Ald. Carr to approve the business license pending final health inspection and any signage would need to be approved. Motion passed.

Mr. Dyke, 2307 121st St requested a variance for his fence for his corner lot. He will be building a new, wood fence that would go to the sidewalk. The current fence is even with the side of the home. This is a side yard/back yard fence, the house faces 121st St. It matches several other fences in the area. The Building Department recommended approval. Motion made by Ald. Ostling and seconded by Ald. Vieyra to approve the variance. Motion passed.

Get a Plate, 1859 W. 127th: Ms. Cecilia Horn represented. She wanted to know what her next steps are. We will table her application until the issues are worked out with Fun and Cocktails.

Mr. Berry presented the Building Department report for August 2013:

- Building Permits Issued 92
- Apartment Inspections 28
- Residential Inspections 25
- Commercial Inspections 20
- Letter of Conditions 28
- Demand Notices -
- Court Summons Issued 4
- Complaints Checked 50
- Not Approved for Occupancy 6
- Code Violation door tags 5
- Notice of Christmas Decorations -
- Stop Work Notices -
- Housing Court Fines Issued \$1,950.00
- Vacant Properties Registered 10
- Vacant Properties Inspected 4

Nick Crite passed out his revision for the Business Application. Members were asked to review it for comment at the next meeting. The information booklet is being reviewed. Issues with timing, etc. were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10th at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hawley, Chairman