

ZONING, PLANNING & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
JUNE 16, 2004 - 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Hay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Committee members present were Aldermen Berg, Dikun, Nolan and Hay. Also present were Alderman Perkins, City Clerk Wells, City Administrator Nelson, members of the Harvard Fire Department and members of the audience and press.

TRAILER PARK ISSUES

Administrator Nelson reviewed his memo with respect to the proposed amendment to the Mobile Home Park Act which has passed the Illinois House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's approval or veto. The amendment puts limits on set backs that do not include porches or other out buildings which was one of the main safety concerns expressed by the Fire Department. Alderman Berg asked that Attorney McArdle review the amendment to clarify the minimum/maximum setback requirements. The Committee discussed other potential safety hazards and other code violations such as outside electrical, which may not meet code, unsafe porches, the distance between trailers.

The Committee consensus was to direct city staff to compile more information including legal opinions, outside code violations from walk through and list of residents. Administrator Nelson indicated that this could be done in thirty days and that he would report back to the committee at that time. It was also suggested that once a prioritized timetable is set that Mr. Nissen and the occupants of the parks be notified bilingually by mail as to the city's plan of action.

At 7:40 p.m., moved by Berg, seconded by Dikun to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Chairman Tom Hay