



Housing & Community Development Committee

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

Lorraine H. Morton City Hall, 909 Davis Street, Evanston, IL. 60201 Council Chambers

COMMITTEE MEMBER

PRESENT:

Eleanor Revelle, Councilmember
Juan Geracaris, Councilmember
Chloe Thurston, Commission Member
Fran Sweeney, Committee Member
Trina Ntamere, Committee Member
Joanne Zolomij, Committee Member

COMMITTEE MEMBER

ABSENT:

Bobby Burns, Councilmember
Devon Reid, Councilmember
Emily Maloney, Committee Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Sarah Flax, Community Development Director
Elizabeth Williams, Planning Manager/Interim Housing & Grants
Manager
Erin Baynes, Planning and Policy Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Revelle called the meeting to order and declared quorum at 7:06 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Approval of minutes for the March 18, 2025 meeting.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for the March 18, 2025 meeting.

Motion: Councilmember Geracaris

Second: Committee Member Sweeney

For Action

Motion Passed 6-0-3

Ayes: Revelle, Geracaris, Thurston, Sweeney, Ntamere, and Zolomij

Nays: None

Absent: Burns, Reid, and Maloney

4. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

A. **Discussion regarding a City Council referral to ban the use of price-fixing software in Evanston's rental housing market**

Planning Manager Williams presented information supporting a City Council referral to explore a ban on the use of price-fixing software in Evanston's rental housing marketing. Commissioners discussed legal challenges to such a policy, referencing Philadelphia and San Francisco. Williams identified that, with the instatement of a new City Council, the item will need to be re-referred.

B. **Discussion regarding a City Council referral to prohibit non-owner-occupied vacation rentals**

Planning Manager Williams presented information supporting a City Council referral to prohibit non-owner-occupied vacation rentals. Commissioners discussed the feasibility of increased verification requirements for owner-occupied vacation rentals, exceptions to such requirements, and the overlap in vacation and short-term rentals. Williams identified that, with the instatement of a new City Council, the item will need to be re-referred.

C. **Staff Updates**

Planning Manager Williams shared that staff is relaunching the Strategic Housing Plan and wrapping up Envision Evanston with the Land Use Commission for Council review. She also thanked Chair Revelle for her leadership on the committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Revelle called the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.