41st Ward Zoning Advisory Committee

July 19, 2017	Olympia Park
6:30 PM	6566 N. Avondale

MEETING CALLED BY	Mike Emerson
NOTE TAKER	Chris Vittorio
MEETING ADJOURNED	7:50 PM
COMMITTEE MEMBERS & ATTENDEES	Christine Rosenburg, John Anderson, Liz DeChant, Mike Emerson, John Kwasinski, Jim Hankin, Marc Pelini, Terry Shanno, David DiSanti

Meeting started with a motion by Mike to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2017 meeting. Second by Christine. Minutes approved.

Project Representatives Jon Lunn

SUBJECT	6250 N. Northwest Hwy.			
Seeking a change in zoning from M1-1 to M1-2 to develop a storage facility. Can utilize the existing zoning and add two stories and dig a basement to obtain the SF needed. The change in zoning would allow the development of a new building that would meet the required 25 ft. setback and obtain the needed square footage. The change would also provide more landscaping and much more appealing product.				
QUESTIONS / CONCERNS	 Christine – Was the SF of the basement included? Can the basement SF be increased to reduce the size above? A – It is not worth sacrificing the 15ft setback. Already limiting the building size enough. Questions about design on the side of the building? A – Doesn't want brick all the way up, sign will most likely be placed on the concrete upper part. Jim – What type of lighting on the back? A – LED lights. Mike – Approves of the new plan over the old one using the existing property. Increased walking space. Liz – All community questions. Why are trees missing on the right edge? A – Stairs located on the plans. Dave - Security question? A – Doors can only be opened by space owners with a keypad code. Select customers will have 24 hour access. Emergency doors and fire alarms are included. John A – Did Lunt come with intentions to receive a vote today? Still numerous unknowns. Only a rendering, uncomfortable but likes the concept. A – He has built buildings exactly like renderings in the past. Terry – Is there a market for this building? A – 90,000 people in the area, 11% need storage. Terry – What type of leasing? A - State Law – month to month. People's 			

	property can be sold after three months of missed payments. Allowed 9 months		
	to auction.		
	Terry – What is stored? A – Residential storage, not used for contractors or		
	construction.		
	Alderman – Rules against operating a business out of unit? A - Yes, not allowed		
	but small businesses can utilize the storage.		
	John – How many units? A - 800 different sizes. Will sell insurance policies for		
	possible damage. Home owners can also be used.		
	John K – How much room for unloading? A – spots outside and unloading		
	inside.		
	Mark – Overall satisfied. Likes setbacks. Density not affected. Aesthetic issues		
	addressed. Possible criticisms over spot zoning. Adjacent lots most likely not		
	affected. Good that it is close to commercial area.		
	Mike – Alderman doesn't want banners or billboards on the side of the building.		
	Liz – Where are other locations? $A - 5$ total throughout Chicaoland. All are		
	Safeguard Storage.		
	Mike – When will construction start? A – Possibly Spring.		
	Resident – Has the property been closed on? A – Under contract.		
	Resident – Will the height still be restricted in the future? $A - Yes$, Restrictive		
	covenant to the zoning code. Zoning lawyer will add it for City Council.		
	Christine – Multi-level residential not allowed in this zoning.		
	Resident – Makes a comparison to a storage in Park Ridge. Brick all the way up.		
	A - That building uses outdoor storage and has 20 orange doors facing the road.		
	Resident – Concerns about solid concrete mass on the rear.		
	Christine – Could put windows on the back.		
	Resident – Concerns about traffic, moving trucks, combustible material. A –		
	Facility is sprinklered. Will mostly serve customers within 2 miles.		
	Resident – Represents seller. Market is not there for normal commercial due to		
	location in the middle of the block. Only other potential buyer wanted to build 3		
	flats.		
	Mike – Does new construction help the market in general?		
	Resident – Absolutely, brand new facility helps the neighborhood.		
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	department would assit.		
	Resident – Has seen contractors using storage facilities. A – Can't restrict them		
	but large units are expensive.		
	Resident – Facility looks like the best he's seen.		
	Mike – Motion to vote tonight. Dave- motion called,		
	Mark - Yes		
	John K – Yes		
	Terry – Yes		
	John A – No		
	Dave – Yes		
	Liz – Yes		
	Jim – Yes		
	Christine – Yes		
	Approved.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE DEADLINE		

Proposal recommended to the Alderman	

• Motion to adjourn by Mike, second by Dave. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.