



Equity and Empowerment Commission

Thursday, July 21, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
PRESENT:**

Devon Reid, Councilmember, Omar Salem, Commissioner, Darlene Cannon, Commissioner, Jane Grover, Commissioner, and Karla Thomas, Chair

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:**

Kymberly Walton, Commissioner, LaShandra Rayfield, Vice Chair, Kady McFadden, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Meeting Called to order 6:36 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the May 19th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Staff recommend approval of the May 19th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Moved by Jane Grover

Seconded by Commission Member Omar Salem

Ayes: Councilmember Devon Reid, Commission Member Omar Salem,
Commissioner Darlene Cannon, Jane Grover, and Vice Chair Karla Thomas
Carried 5-0 on a recorded vote

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

4. COMMUNICATION

A. Anti-Gentrification Ordinances

The Commission discussed various potential ordinances to help prevent gentrification. Ald. Byron Sigcho Lopez of Chicago discussed some ordinances he put in place and their impact. Chair Thomas proposed having more concrete ordinances to discuss by the next meeting.

B. Staff presentation Evanston Project for Local Assessment of Needs (EPLAN)

Kristin Meyer gave a presentation on the Evanston Project for Local Assessment of Needs (EPLAN). The presentation showed the disparities between different local census tracts. Commissioners discussed the implications of the EPLAN findings.

C. Community Equity Survey Update

Matthew Ouren gave an update on the community equity survey responses. The Commission decided to do one more push to get responses and close the survey on Aug. 12.

5. DISCUSSION

A. ZoneCo Report on Evanston's zoning code

Sue Loellbach discussed the ZoneCo report. They discussed Evanston zoning code. The impetus for the report came from a finding that the zoning code was preventing innovative affordable housing options. Much of the codes try to keep the districts the way they are now.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned 8:44 PM