



Equity and Empowerment Commission

Thursday, August 18, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
PRESENT:**

Devon Reid, Councilmember, LaShandra Rayfield, Commissioner, Kady McFadden, Commissioner, Darlene Cannon, Commissioner, Jane Grover, Commissioner, and Karla Thomas, Chair

**COMMITTEE MEMBER
ABSENT:**

Omar Salem, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Thomas Calls the meeting to order at 6:36 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of July 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Approved with ammendment to remove Alejandra

Approval of the July 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes as amended to remove former Chair Alejandra Ibanez from the absent list.

Moved by Grover

Seconded by Councilmember Reid

Ayes: Councilmember Reid, Commission Member Rayfield, Commission Member McFadden, Commissioner Cannon, Grover, and Chair Thomas

Carried 6-0 on a recorded vote

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Bailey- Spoke against the deconversion limitations for homes that were originally single-family homes and then converted to two or three flats.

4. COMMUNICATION

A. Community Equity Survey Report

City of Evanston Fellow Matt Ouren presented some findings from the community equity survey. The Commission discussed creating a formal report to share with the community.

5. DISCUSSION

A. Anti-Gentrification Ordinances

Chair Thomas gave a presentation giving context for the anti-gentrification ordinances and outlining the proposed path for the changes. The language for the first ordinance is about preventing predatory purchasing. A second recommendation is to maintain the unit count of any building under four units. The third recommendation is for a low-interest loan for creating Accessory Dwelling Unit homes. The fourth recommendation was to raise the fine for demolishing homes. The final recommendation was to make affordable housing units affordable in perpetuity. The Commission intends to make formal recommendations in upcoming meetings.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned 7:50 PM