

IRVING PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION

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ADDISON / KIMBALL - HOME DEPOT UPDATE:

OCTOBER 23, 2002 TOWN HALL MEETING:

- ALDERMAN MELL PLEDGES TO RE-INTRODUCE HIS 1999 ZONING AMENDMENT THAT WOULD PROHIBIT HOME DEPOT (This amendment, introduced in 1999, was never fully ratified and remained pending in deferred status in the Committee on Zoning. This amendment was filed under Alderman Mell's name in the 33rd Ward).
- ALDERMAN COLOM PLEDGES TO PLACE AN "ALDERMANIC HOLD" ON ALL BUILDING PERMITS FOR HOME DEPOT ON THE SITE (She distributes letters to IPNA to that effect. Later, copies of these letters are distributed throughout the community).
- ALDERMAN COLOM PLEDGES TO WORK TO GET A LIBRARY ON THE SITE.

NOVEMBER, 2002:

- NOVEMBER ELECTIONS ARE HELD; NEW WARD BOUNDARIES ARE CLEARLY IN PLACE. BULK OF IPNA AREA, INCLUDING ADDISON-KIMBALL SITE ARE NOW IN THE 35TH WARD.
- IPNA INDEPENDENTLY CHECKS STATUS OF HOME DEPOT'S PERMIT APPLICATION; PERMIT IS BEING EXPEDITED. IPNA INFORMS ALDERMAN COLOM THAT HOLD IS NOT TAKING EFFECT. ALDERMAN COLOM MAKES SOME PHONE CALLS.
- IPNA ATTENDS ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING; MELL'S 1999 AMENDMENT IS DEFERRED AGAIN.
- HOME DEPOT REFUSES TO MEET WITH THE COMMUNITY; THEY MEET WITH THREE MEMBERS OF IPNA. THEY REFUSE TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF THE LAND FOR A LIBRARY; THEY PROPOSE A DE-CELERATION LANE ON ADDISON AND TURN SIGNALS, PLEDGE RAT EXTERMINATION PROGRAM AND TO LIMIT HOURS OF OUTDOOR SPEAKERS.

DECEMBER, 2002

- ALDERMAN COLOM'S HOLD ON PERMITS TAKES EFFECT. PERMIT APPLICATION HAS "ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW" REQUIREMENT STATING THAT HOME DEPOT IS TO "REFER TO ALDERMAN COLOM".

JANUARY, 2003

- IPNA RETAINS AN ATTORNEY, (Rueben Hedland former head of the Chicago Plan Commission) ATTORNEY ADVISES IPNA THAT ALDERMANIC HOLD NEEDS TO BE REINFORCED WITH A PENDING ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGE. THE 1999 AMENDMENT BY ALDERMAN MELL HAS BEEN PENDING ON THE SITE, BUT NOW THAT THE SITE IS IN THE 35TH WARD, FOR A STRONGER LEGAL POSITION, THIS SHOULD BE RE-INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN COLOM.

FEBRUARY, 2003

- IPNA AND ATTORNEY MEET WITH ALDERMAN COLOM. SHE AGREES TO INTRODUCE AN UPDATED VERSION OF THE 1999 ZONING AMENDMENT AT FEBRUARY 5 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. IPNA'S ATTORNEY DRAFTS AMENDMENT REVISED TO HAVE THE CURRENT DATE, ALDERMAN COLOM'S NAME, AND THE 35TH WARD.
- ALDERMAN COLOM INTRODUCES REVISED AMENDMENT, DRAFTED BY IPNA'S ATTORNEY, PROHIBITING HOME DEPOT. PENDING ZONING CHANGE NOTICE POSTED ON SITE.

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