

## DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### SPEAKER SIGNUP, WRITTEN COMMENTS & POSITION STATEMENTS

#### PUBLIC FORUM

##### *SPEAKERS*

1. Carl VanDril (Naperville) - Naperville Environment and Sustainability Task Force (NEST) - General information related to sustainability
2. Mahesh Chintakunta (Naperville) – Explain HSS efforts in Sewa Diwali event
3. Tiffany Stephens (Naperville) – Naperville Politics

##### *COMMENT ONLY*

1. Thomas Whelchel (Naperville) Public Safety – In the interest of public safety, as expressed by Mayor Chirico as reason for the ban on the sale of certain firearms and magazines, I would like to propose a ban on the sale of alcohol within Naperville city limits. "At the end of the day, we have to do what's right to protect the public and that's our job," said Naperville Mayor Steve Chirico.

#### F1. Recognition of former Councilwoman Patty Gustin for her years of service

##### *COMMENT ONLY*

1. Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville) – I sincerely thank former Councilwoman Patty Gustin for her service on City Council and for her further civic interest through service on the DuPage County Board. I also wish to thank Nicki Anderson for her willingness to serve the balance of the unexpired term.

## **I24. Pass ordinance & schedule public hearing for the proposed Block 59 Business District**

### ***SPEAKERS***

1. Basim Esmail (Naperville) – Brixmor Business Tax District

### ***POSITION***

#### **OPPOSE**

1. Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville)

### ***COMMENT ONLY***

1. Adrian Talley (Naperville) – Indian Prairie School District - December 16, 2022 Dear Naperville City Council Members, On behalf of Indian Prairie School District 204, I send this letter to you reflecting the district's unequivocal support for the Block 59 Redevelopment project that you are currently considering. This project will enhance District 204 from a financial standpoint and support our academic program. It is our belief that the project will enhance the tax base for our school district; therefore, creating more revenue that will support the children of our school district. This project supports our desire to have more businesses in the catchment area of the school district because it will bring added revenue that this district needs as a Tier 2 school district. Unlike District 203, which is a Tier 4 district and is funded at 120% of its need, IPSD 204 is a Tier 2 district that is funded at only 84% of its needs through its tax revenue. The more businesses we can bring to our district the greater our chance to reduce the funding disparity that is current across our districts. Additional funding will enable us to have class sizes more aligned with District 203 and staffing to enhance the educational experience for our students. This projects also has the potential of enhancing the academic programs for our students. Specifically, students in our STEPS program currently seek employment within the community. Increasing businesses creates opportunities for our STEPS children to find gainful employment that supports their transition from being in the public schools to living on their own. Additionally, this project has the potential of expanding our partnerships with businesses in helping students connect with the world of work. Expanding opportunities for CTE (Career Technical Education) helps all students connect with areas of future career interest that may keep the students in the area after they graduate from our schools. For these reasons and more, I respectfully ask that you vote "Yes" on the project. I, unreservedly, support the project and feel it will enhance the City of Naperville. Sincerely, Adrian B. Talley, Ed.D. Superintendent

**I31. Pass ordinance granting a variance to the off street parking requirements for 235 West Jefferson Avenue (The Alice Chin Team)**

***QUESTIONS ONLY***

1. Alice Chin (Naperville) – Petitioner

**I32. Pass ordinance granting major change to Fox River Commons Resubdivision PUD for land use deviation to allow religious institution at 776 S Rt 59**

***QUESTIONS ONLY***

1. Shilpa Purohit (Inverness) – Petitioner

**L2. Ordinance amending Chapter 11 (Historic Preservation) of Title 6 (Zoning Ordinance)**

***SPEAKERS***

1. Bill Simon (Naperville) – Naperville Preservation Inc.
2. Tim Messer (Naperville)

***COMMENT ONLY***

1. Kendra Parzen (Chicago) Landmarks Illinois - Dear Naperville City Councilmembers, Landmarks Illinois understands that the City Council will consider amendments to the Naperville Historic Preservation Ordinance at the December 20 Meeting. We urge your support of these text amendments as prepared by staff and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission on December 1 and the Planning and Zoning Commission on December 7. The amendments will address important questions of owner consent in the local landmark designation process. Founded in 1971, Landmarks Illinois is the state's leading voice for historic preservation. We promote preservation, restoration and adaptive reuse of buildings and sites of many types to leverage our past to create a better future. Our perspective is that it is appropriate from time to time for local historic preservation ordinances to be updated to address residents' concerns and to adopt new best practices. As we understand it, the following key changes to Naperville's ordinance are now proposed: • Applicants are required to notify the owner of intent to submit a landmark nomination so that owners have the opportunity to consent or refuse. A lack of

response shall be construed as refusal. • Applications to which the owner consents will follow existing submission and approval processes for landmark designation. • Applications to which the owner refuses consent may still be submitted with the support and approval of City Council by following the new process outlined in the amended ordinance. • Such applications that City Council approves for submission without owner consent will be heard by the HPC at a public hearing, with final review by City Council. While some may feel that these changes do not go far enough to prevent the landmark designation of a property without owner consent, the additional requirements proposed make designation without owner consent unlikely and should address the concerns of property owners. At the same time, they provide a path to landmark designation for significant properties in cases where landmark protection provides particular public benefit to the Naperville community, and allows the City Council to be the ultimate decision-maker for properties that it deems vitally important to Naperville's history and future development. We commend staff for their thoughtful preparation of the proposed amendments and appeal to the Commission to support these changes, which will balance the needs of property owners with the preservation of shared, local architectural heritage. Sincerely, Kendra Parzen Advocacy Manager

2. Marilyn Schweitzer - I support the changes to the ordinance, though as noted in my email to the HPC and PZC, I felt the wording could have been improved regarding the City Council's consideration towards a Request to Submit a Landmark Application without Owner Consent. The changes to the ordinance though are only one step towards improving Naperville's approach towards Historic Preservation. Much must still be done to adequately assess our historic properties and to promote their preservation. New surveys are definitely warranted. I appreciate the 1st steps staff has taken on the city's website and the recent involvement of the NACC and NDP. I commend Naperville Preservation Inc for their efforts and look forward to all parties working together in the future.
3. See letter emailed on next page –

**TO:** City of Naperville Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Reid Bateman and Penny Chase  
49 S. Mil Street  
Naperville, IL 60540

**DATE:** July 12, 2022

**RE: JULY 19, 2022 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

**REVISIONS TO ORDINANCE CODE: CHAPTER 11 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION, 6-11-3  
DESIGNATION OF LANDMARKS**

Dear Mayor and Council,


Penny and I have lived in Naperville for 46 years. We are grateful to have owned and raised our children in two homes in the middle of town (225 S. Columbia and 49 S. Mill Street) and have an appreciation for living with “old things in an old house”.

In January I applied to serve on the City of Naperville’s Historic Preservation Commission, and we are Charter Members of Naperville Preservation, Inc. Recently we became aware of their position against a proposed change to our local Landmark Ordinance by the City Council (Municipal Code 6-11-03) that would require a property owners consent for local Landmark status. We were not asked to voice our opinion to their Board about this change, which is the purpose of this letter.

We strongly support the proposed change that would require a Property Owner’s consent for approval of Landmark status; and, based upon our understanding of building code restrictions currently in place for properties that lie within the local Historic District, we would also support the option of requiring the owner’s approval of Landmark status for all single family property that is not in the local Historic District.

We whole-heartily support incentives that encourage preservation of older structures, awards and recognition programs, educational resources for property owners, and efforts that foster an appreciation of our community’s history.

Sincerely,

  
Reid Bateman

  
Penny Chase

**Cc:** Becky Simon, President of Naperville Preservation, Inc.  
Doug A. Krieger, City Manager  
Kathleen Russell, City Planner; Liaison to Naperville Historical Preservation Commission

**L3. Receive the staff report for the Heinen Business District located at 1256 through 1290 East Chicago Avenue (Item 1 of 3)**

**QUESTIONS ONLY**

1. Jeff Heinen - Petitioner

***POSITION***

**SUPPORT**

1. Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville)

**L4. Pass the ordinance designating a business district, approving the business district plan, and making a blighted area finding in relation to the Heinen Business District (Item 2 of 3)**

***POSITION***

**SUPPORT**

1. Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville)

**L5. Pass the ordinance imposing a business district retailer's occupation tax and business district service occupation tax in the City of Naperville, DuPage County, Illinois for the Heinen Business District (Item 3 of 3)**

***POSITION***

**SUPPORT**

1. Marilyn L Schweitzer (Naperville)