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April 15, 2009

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

The Committee on Land Use held a meeting on April 15, 2009, with Chairman Sean O'Donovan presiding and Committee Members Aldermen Maryann Heuston and William White also present and voting. Also present were Alderman John Connolly and SPCD Director Monica Lamboy.

The committee reviewed the proposed zoning ordinance for Union Square. Among the topics discussed were:

- extended hours for businesses and open space, including indoor open spaces, e.g., an atrium,
- general hours for service and loading,
- conditions for deliveries and delivery vehicles

Alderman White expressed concerns about the legal ramifications associated with cluster zoning and inquired how use clusters could be changed in the future. Ms. Lamboy discussed legal notice requirements and ramifications of developers who are currently involved in projects. Alderman Heuston expressed her concerns over signage, explaining that it's a big problem in the city, and said that she would like to see more restrictions on signage. Alderman Connolly spoke about the design standards in place in Davis Square and Alderman White suggested that design guidelines for signs should be included in the CCD zone.

No Papers were acted on.

Alderman Sean T. O'Donovan, Chairman
Committee on Land Use

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