

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008

Present: Ald. Johnson (Chairman), Freedman, Baker, Hess-Mahan, Merrill, Sangiolo  
Absent: Ald. Brandel, Parker

Others Present: Karyn Dean (Committee Clerk)

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#181-08        JANE BROWN, 104 Atwood Road, Newtonville, re-appointed as a Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire on June 1, 2011. (60 days: 07-18-08) [05-08-08 @ 4:05 PM]

**ACTION:**        **APPROVED 4-0 (Ald. Freedman, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#204-08        BRENDA KRASNOW, 71 Stuart Road, Chestnut Hill, as a Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire on June 1, 2011. (60 days: 08-02-08) [05-16-08 @ 10:47 AM]

**ACTION:**        **APPROVED 4-0 (Ald. Freedman, Hess-Mahan not voting)**

**NOTE:** Ald. Johnson spoke on behalf of Jane Brown. She said she knew this was something very important to her. Ald. Baker said that he was very happy to vouch for Ms. Krasnow and supported her appointment. The Committee voted to approve both appointments by a vote of 4-0.

**REFERRED TO LAND USE AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES**

#37-08        ALD. BAKER, MANSFIELD & FISCHMAN proposing a revision to the Rules & Orders of the Board to allow Land Use Committee public hearings to be held on more than one night per month.

**ACTION:**        **LAND USE APPROVED 7-0 on 02-12-08**  
**APPROVED 5-0 (Ald. Hess-Mahan not voting)**

**NOTE:** Ald. Freedman, Chairman of the Rules Subcommittee, presented this item. He noted that there was considerable discussion in the Subcommittee meeting regarding the allowance for flexibility for the Chairman of Land Use without allowing any potential abuse of that authority. Substitute language was proposed and is as follows:

(3) **Land Use:** on the Tuesdays following the first, second, and third Mondays of each month. Public Hearings shall be held on the Tuesday following the second Monday of each month unless the Chairman recommends, with the advice of the Director of Planning and Development, that a Public Hearing be held on the

Tuesday following the first or third Monday of the month to afford applicants a prompt hearing, or when additional time is needed by applicants to file or staff to review a completed land use petition. The times and places for Public Hearings shall be confirmed in accordance with the provisions of Art. I, Section 7 (A) of these Rules.

Ald. Johnson said there was much discussion at the first Rules Subcommittee meeting to craft language that would leave as little room as possible for politics in the calling for additional meetings. She supported this new language. The Subcommittee recommended approval to the Programs and Services Committee. The Committee voted approval by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chairman