

**EDGEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
5358 N. Ashland Ave.
Chicago IL 60640**

May 17, 2008

Alderman Mary Ann Smith
5533 N. Broadway
Chicago IL 60640

Dear Mary Ann:

We would like you consider the following suggestions for the consideration of the landmark district proposal at the May Zoning and Planning Committee meeting:

- Hold the meeting at St. Ita Jubilee Hall across the street. The hall can accommodate more people and in a less confined area and is more conducive to an interactive discussion of the issues. We've already spoken to Dorothy Julian at St. Ita's; the committee is welcome to meet there and as of two weeks ago the date of Wednesday, May 28th was open.
- Invite a representative of the Landmarks Commission staff to answer technical questions.
- When the vote is taken, it should be a roll call vote by name of organization.
- Each delegate casting a vote should sign a statement indicating that he or she is casting that vote pursuant to a directive by the organization's board or general membership; otherwise the delegate's vote may be only that of the delegate and not the official vote of the organization.

At least a week before the meeting, we would like to meet with you to discuss the format of the meeting. The Edgewater Historical Society would like the opportunity to make a formal presentation and respond to any arguments raised against the creation of a landmark district. We also would be willing to debate any opponents.

We will be sending you a follow-up letter shortly dealing with some of the substantive issues involved.

Sincerely,


Betty Mayian