

Background Information on the Klaeren Decision

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As you may know, Illinois experienced a ground breaking legal case a few years ago, the fallout from which has caused Evanston (and everyone else) to get very disciplined about its hearing rules. The two important court decisions can be found below. Even for non-lawyers they are interesting reading.

<http://www.evanstonzoningmatters.org/docs/KlaerenILAppellateCourtDecision.pdf>

<http://www.evanstonzoningmatters.org/docs/KlaerenILSupremeCourtAffirms.pdf>

Below is a link to the Minutes of the Evanston Rules Committee Meeting of Wednesday October 25, 2006 where the effect of Klaeren on Evanston was discussed.

<http://www.cityofevanston.org/government/minutes/rules/pdf/2005/10-26-05.pdf>

The outcome of that discussion is a text: "Rules of Procedure for the Planning and Development Committee of the City Council of the City of Evanston for Consideration of Recommendations from the Zoning Board of Appeals and Plan Commission Involving Special Uses or Planned Developments."

http://www.cityofevanston.org/government/pdf/planning_development_rules.pdf