Planning & Development Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 10, 2014 – 7:15 p.m.
Council Chambers - Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center


MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Holmes, M. Wynne

STAFF PRESENT: P. Braithwaite, G. Farrar, M. Muenzer, B. Newman

PRESIDING OFFICIAL: Ald. Fiske

I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
A quorum being present, Acting Chair Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2014


The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to approve the January 27, 2014 minutes.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(P1) Ordinance 24-O-14, Granting a Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant, Just Turkey, at 2430 Main Street

The Zoning Board of Appeals and City staff recommend the adoption of Ordinance 24-O-14 granting a special use permit for a Type 2 Restaurant, Just Turkey, at 2430 Main Street. The requested special use permit will bring a new small business with healthy food options to the city and will utilize a currently vacant space in an existing commercial center. The applicant wishes to open as soon as possible, and the building permit will be ready before the February 24, 2014 City Council meeting. Alderman Braithwaite requests suspension of the Rules for Introduction and Action on February 10, 2014.

For Introduction and Action

Ald. Grover moved to recommend suspension of the rules to introduce and approval of Ordinance 24-O-14, seconded by Ald. Tendam

Chair Fiske called the public who wished to speak to the podium.

Ginger Maddox of 1710 Dempster, Evanston, and owner of Just Turkey, explained that it is a south side of Chicago franchise and the proposed restaurant will be the first one on the north side. She said she is from Evanston so she is excited to come home. Ms. Maddox said that none of the
The food served is processed or frozen and the business will provide a healthier option for Evanston residents as well as provide jobs. The menu includes burgers, lasagna, spaghetti and polish sausage, all made with turkey.

The Committee voted by unanimously 5-0 to recommend suspension of the rules and approval of Ordinance 24-O-14.

(P2) Ordinance 25-O-14, Granting a Special Use for a Type 2 Restaurant, Asia Express, at 1009 Davis Street

The Zoning Board of Appeals and City staff recommend the adoption of Ordinance 25-O-14 granting a special use permit for a Type 2 Restaurant, Asia Express, at 1009 Davis Street. The requested special use permit will bring a new quick-serve restaurant to the city and will utilize a currently vacant space in the downtown.

For Introduction


Steven Smutny, Architect, introduced Mei Hui Zheng, the owner of Asia Express and said Mr. Zheng is very excited to come to Evanston. He said Mr. Zheng has run many businesses and he believes this business, adjacent to commuter lines, will be successful.

The Committee voted unanimously 5-0 to recommend introduction of Ordinance 25-O-14.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ald. Grover moved to adjourn, seconded by Ald. Tendam.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Newman