I. DECLARATION OF QUORUM
A quorum being present, and Chair Wynne called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2013

Ald. Rainey moved approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2013 P&D meeting, seconded by Ald. Grover.

The minutes of the June 24, 2013 P&D meeting were approved unanimously 7-0.

III. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(P1) Resolution 39-R-13 Designating the Portion of Poplar Avenue between Central Street and Harrison Street with the Honorary Street Name Sign, “Mary Lou Smith Way”.

The Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Public Place Names recommends approval of Resolution 39-R-13.

For Action

Ald. Rainey moved to recommend approval, seconded by Ald. Tendam.

The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to recommend approval of Resolution 39-R-13.

(P2) Approval of a Sidewalk Café for Farmhouse Evanston

Staff requests consideration of a first-time application for a sidewalk café (SWC) permit for Farmhouse Evanston a Type 1 Restaurant located at 703 Church St.

For Action

Ald. Rainey moved to recommend approval of the sidewalk café, seconded by Ald. Holmes.
The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to recommend approval of the sidewalk café for Farmhouse Evanston Restaurant.

Diane Mulligan announced that the restaurant will be opening on July 10th, and they are very excited about it. Chair Rainey thanked her.

(P3) Approval of a Sidewalk Café for La Macchina Café
Staff requests consideration of a first-time application for a sidewalk café (SWC) permit for La Macchina Café a Type 1 Restaurant located at 1620 Orrington Ave.

For Action

Ald. Rainey moved to recommend introduction, seconded by Ald. Fiske.

The Committee voted unanimously 7-0 to recommend approval of the sidewalk café for La Macchina Café.

(P4) Approval of a Application for HOME Funds for a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program by Connections for the Homeless
The Housing and Homelessness Commission and staff recommend approval of a $500,000 HOME grant to Connections for the Homeless for a 36-month Tenant Based Rental Assistance program (TBRA) that will run from September 2013 to August 2016; expenditures are projected as follows: $30,000 in 2013, $250,000 in 2014, $190,000 in 2015 and $25,000 in 2016. TBRA was also recommended by the Mayor’s Task Force on Homelessness in 2012.

For Action

Ald. Tendam moved to recommend approval of the HOME Funds, seconded by Ald. Grover.

Suzanne Calder of 1509 Asbury, a member of the Housing and Homelessness Committee and a board member of Connections for the Homeless (“Connections”), explained that the program’s goal is to target existing resources and that the plan does not call for additional resources from the City, but from other entities, to provide housing for families in School District 65.

Sarah Flax, Housing & Grants Administrator introduced Sue Loellbach of Connections for the Homeless.

Ald. Rainey noted that over time the City has made significant contributions to assist Connections in providing temporary housing and asked for data showing the results of the programs for which money has been given as the City has never received a substantial financial report.

Ms. Loellbach said five families were assisted by the FIT program sponsored by Connections between 2008 and 2011; three have moved on and are living independently. Ald. Rainey requested that the requirement of quarterly reports be built into the proposal. Ms. Loellbach further explained that $200,000 to $300,000 pays for case management and employment and the rest is for education.
At Ald. Rainey's inquiry, Ms. Flax explained that the leases are between the tenants, Connections and the landlord, similar to emergency solutions grants. Ald. Rainey asked how they could, in that case, remove the tenant if the tenant was no longer eligible for the program. Ms. Flax replied that the tenants are carefully vetted and that the households have agreements with Connections regarding the master lease.

Ms. Flax and Ms. Loellbach agreed to submit a detailed HPRP report from Ms. Flax and quarterly reports from Connections, to the Committee.

At Ald. Grover's inquiry, Ms. Loellbach explained that the program is modeled after a successful program that has been used in England for drug addicts and homeless people. Ald. Grover requested data reflecting the past 36 months of results including children's school grades and truancy records. Ms. Flax said the program will begin in September and a quarterly report will be provided in December of 2013. Data on the job component of the program will also be provided. At Ald. Holmes' inquiry, Ms. Loellbach said people with substance abuse probably would not qualify for the program. She added that two of the people who work with Lou Dixon through Connections are now working at Collins Brothers. They have placed about 150 families into housing this year, providing a subsidy in some cases.

Chair Wynne said the item will be held until the 7/22/13 P&D meeting for the information requested.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
There were no items for discussion.

V. COMMUNICATIONS
There were no communications.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Newman