MINUTES
EVANSTON PLAN COMMISSION
Wednesday, June 13, 2007 / 7:00 p.m.
Evanston Civic Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT..........................Albert Hunter, Sharon Bowie, James Woods
.......................................................... (Chair), Stuart Opdycke (Vice Chair), Alice
..........................................................Rebechini, David Galloway, Coleen Burrus,
..........................................................Johanna Nyden

MEMBERS ABSENT .........................Doug Doetsch

STAFF PRESENT ..................Dennis Marino, Tracy Norfleet

COURT REPORTER………………….LA Reporting

I. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM
Chair Woods determined that a quorum was present and began the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
Minutes from the May 9, 2007 meeting were approved unanimously.

III. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBER
The Plan Commission Chair and Members recognized outgoing Member Rebechini and thanked
her for her service on the Plan Commission.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER
Chair Woods introduced a new Plan Commission member, Johanna Nyden. Member Nyden
grew up in Evanston and has a Master’s of Urban Planning and Policy from the University of
Illinois at Chicago.

V. PROPOSED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC HEARING
   ZPC 07-02 PD&M  1200 Davis Street
The Plan Commission closed the public hearing because the application was withdrawn on May

VI. DISCUSSION ITEM: PUBLIC ART AT FIRE STATION #5 (CENTRAL ST)
Mr. Jeff Cory, Cultural Arts/Arts Council Director, presented the two finalists for public art at
Fire Station #5 on Central Street. He stated that comment cards would be available in the lobby
after the meeting.
VII. CENTRAL ST FINAL PLAN AND STREETSCAPE DESIGN
The City of Evanston has completed a master plan and streetscape study for Central Street, with assistance from The Lakota Group, Gewalt Hamilton Associates, and Infrastructure Engineering. Community residents, businesses, institutions, and other property owners have participated throughout the process and provided their ideas for development and streetscape improvements. The final product - a plan and conceptual streetscape design - will be used by the City to help guide future development along Central Street. A draft of the final product is now ready for Plan Commission consideration and citizen comment.

Mr. John LaMotte, consultant, summarized progress on the Central Street plan and streetscape design since the last meeting on April 12, 2007. Plan Commission members then heard citizen comment and discussed the project. Following a closing statement by Mr. LaMotte, the Plan Commission deliberated next steps for the plan and zoning recommendations. Member Rebechini made a motion that the Plan Commission recommend to the Planning & Development Committee of the City Council that the Central Street Master Plan be adopted as a policy document, with particular notice of the priority projects outlined therein. She added that the matters of zoning contained in the document should be referred to the Zoning Committee of the Plan Commission for further consideration in appropriate public hearings. Member Bowie seconded, and the vote was unanimous (8-0). Member Woods stated that the Zoning Committee will hold a pre-hearing discussion about the zoning recommendations on July 11, 2007 at 6pm in the Civic Center.

A verbatim transcript of the proceedings of this Plan Commission case is available from the City of Evanston’s web site. The proposal and transcripts can be viewed at the Downtown Library’s 3rd floor reference desk or at the Civic Center in the Planning Division or Zoning Division during business hours.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
The Plan Commission adjourned at 11:30pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Norfleet
Planning Division