MINUTES
EVANSTON PLAN COMMISSION
Wednesday, August 6, 2008 / 7:00 p.m.
Evanston Civic Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT.................................James Woods (Chair), Stuart Opdycke (Vice Chair), Coleen Burrus, Seth Freeman, David Galloway, Johanna Nyden, Robin Schudlenfrei, Charles Staley

MEMBERS ABSENT ...............................None

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT..........Albert Hunter

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS ABSENT ..........Lawrence Widmayer

STAFF PRESENT .................................Dennis Marino, Susan Guderley, Carlos Ruiz, Bill Dunkley, Tracy Norfleet

COURT REPORTER……………………….LeGrand Reporting

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

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 16 MEETING MINUTES
Draft minutes from the July 16 meeting were approved unanimously.

III. CONTINUATION – DRAFT DOWNTOWN PLAN AND ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS
The Downtown Plan Committee of the Plan Commission has been leading a downtown planning process. Residents, businesses, institutions, and other property owners have participated throughout the process and have provided their ideas for the future of downtown. A draft downtown plan* has been prepared by Duncan Associates and their partners The Lakota Group, 180 Degrees Design Studio, Goodman Williams Group, and KLOA. Citizens have provided comments on the draft plan at several Plan Commission meetings, and the Plan Commission is now discussing and deliberating the draft plan. Additional citizen comments/questions may be heard at the Planning & Development Committee, which is the next step after the Plan Commission.

The draft plan, supplemental information, and transcripts from previous meetings are available online at www.cityofevanston.org/downtown. Hard copies of the draft plan may be viewed at the following locations: Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., third floor Reference Desk; North Branch Library, 2026 Central St.; South Branch
Library, 949 Chicago Ave. The plan can also be viewed between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Ave, in the City Clerk's Office, Room 1200, and in the Planning Division, Room 3900.

Members discussed the changes made to the draft downtown plan at the last meeting and refined the text accordingly. Members then discussed the ‘parking lot’ issues, which are those issues that they did not reach consensus on during previous discussions. Members also discussed next steps going forward. Please refer to the transcript for the details of the proceedings. Continued due to lack of time to the regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

A verbatim transcript of the proceedings of this Plan Commission agenda item 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 Building & Zoning Division during business hours.

IV. ADJOURNMENT
The Plan Commission adjourned at 11pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008 at 7pm in the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Norfleet
Planning Division