

**MINUTES**  
**EVANSTON PLAN COMMISSION**  
Wednesday, January 16, 2008 / 7:00 p.m.  
Evanston Civic Center, Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT.....James Woods (Chair), Stuart Opdycke (Vice  
.....Chair), Coleen Burrus, David Galloway, Johanna  
.....Nyden, Robin Schuldenfrei

MEMBERS ABSENT .....Sharon Bowie, Sara McMurray, Charles Staley

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT.....Lawrence Widmayer

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

COURT REPORTER.....LeGrand Reporting

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**I. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Chair Woods determined that a quorum was present and began the meeting.

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

Members discussed nominations for Plan Commission Chair, Vice-Chair, and Committee Chairs, and each member indicated the positions they would be interested in holding. Following discussion, Member Schuldenfrei motioned to proceed with voting, and Member Nyden seconded. The motion passed.

Member Burrus motioned to nominate James Woods to continue as Chair, and Member Schuldenfrei seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Woods motioned to nominate Stuart Opdycke to continue as Vice-Chair, and Member Galloway seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Woods then motioned to nominate the following Committee Chairs: Coleen Burrus (Rules), Johanna Nyden (Zoning), Lawrence Widmayer (Downtown Plan), and Albert Hunter (Neighborhood). All motions were seconded and passed unanimously.

Chair Woods then motioned to nominate the following to continue as Liaisons to other committees: Coleen Burrus (Housing & Community Development Act), David Galloway (Parking), and Johanna Nyden (Economic Development). Chair Woods also motioned to nominate Lawrence Widmayer and Albert Hunter to continue as Associate Members. All motions were seconded and passed 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. The draft is now ready for Plan Commission consideration and citizen comment. The anticipated meeting format is below.*

- A. Additional Comments / Questions
- B. Plan Commission Discussion

*\* The draft plan and supplemental information are available online at [www.cityofevanston.org/downtown](http://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 City Clerk's Office, Room 1200, and in the Planning Division, Room 3900.*

Public comment resumed, beginning with comments from the Preservation Commission Chair and several Associate Members of the Preservation Commission. Additional comments were then heard from other audience members. When no one else wished to speak, public comment was closed. The consultant team provided a summary and closing statement, and the Plan Commission began discussing the draft plan. Due to lack of time, the matter was continued to Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 7pm 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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor reference desk or at the Civic Center in the Planning Division or Zoning Division during business hours.*

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

The Plan Commission adjourned at 11pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008 at 7pm in the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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