

APPROVED

**MINUTES
EVANSTON PLAN COMMISSION**

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 / 7:00 p.m.
Evanston Civic Center, Room 2404

MEMBERS PRESENT.....James Woods (Chair), Stuart Opdycke (Vice
.....Chair), Sharon Bowie, Coleen Burrus, David
.....Galloway, Sara McMurray, Johanna Nyden, Robin
.....Schuldenfrei, Charles Staley

MEMBERS ABSENT None

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT.....Lawrence Widmayer

STAFF PRESENTJudith Aiello, Bill Dunkley, Dennis Marino, 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. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9 AND FEBRUARY 13 MEETING MINUTES

Draft minutes from the January 9 and February 13 meetings were approved unanimously.

III. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MEMBER – SHARON BOWIE

The Plan Commission Chair and Members recognized outgoing Member Bowie and thanked her for her service on the Plan Commission.

IV. ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

ZPC 08-02-M 912-946 Pitner Avenue

An application by Joseph Birgman, property owner of 920 Pitner Avenue, and Andy Spatz, property owner of 940 Pitner Avenue and representative of the property owners of 930 Pitner Avenue, to consider an amendment to the map of the Zoning Ordinance for the property located at 912-946 Pitner Avenue. The applicants request that the City remove the property commonly referred to as 912-946 Pitner from the I2 Industrial District and place it wholly within the MXE Mixed Use Employment District.

Continued without discussion to the Zoning Committee meeting on April 15 (Civic Center).

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V. 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. 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.*

Chair Woods, who was absent at the last meeting, stated that he had read the transcript. The consultants then presented an electronic version of the draft downtown plan that showed the changes made at the last meeting (e.g., objectives and strategies, public space improvements, traditional areas, etc). Members reviewed and refined these changes. They then proceeded to discuss and revise the remaining portions of the development framework section of the master plan, including the map (Figure 6A) and text pertaining to edge and core areas (pages 42-45). As agreed at the last meeting, Members held issues in which they did not reach consensus for further discussion at a future meeting. Refer to the transcript for the detailed discussion and wording of changes to the draft document. Due to lack of time, the matter was continued to Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 7pm in the Civic Center.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Plan Commission adjourned at 10pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008 at 7pm in the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Norfleet
Planning Division