

# THE PLAN COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2025

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A quorum was present. Chairman Patricia Letarte, Alma Montenegro, Kay Frey, Teresa Badillo, Linda Suwalski, Lisa Manzo (Secretary), Rudy Repa (Senior Planner) and Paul Mizner (Planner). Absent: Natasha Brown Harris.
3. Member Badillo made a motion to approve the minutes from September 24, 2025. The motion was seconded by Member Suwalski and approved to place them on file as presented.

Chairman Letarte suggested that “Public Comment” be moved after “New Business”, so the public had an opportunity to hear the presentation first.

#### 4. New Business: Presentation and Discussion on Grand Avenue

Mr. Rudy Repa introduced Ms. Sarah Dobie with CIS to the members. She was welcomed and will be presenting the Grand Avenue Greenway Plan. Ms. Dobie introduced her team and began her presentation to the members at this time. She stated that they are dedicated to creating sustainable infrastructure that empowers communities to withstand climate challenges while fostering economic growth and opportunity. Ms. Dobie discussed the following points related to the project thus far:

- Discussed the Cook County Climate Resiliency Program
- The team involved with the project
- Timeline of meetings/public forum/meeting with Trustees and Community

Ms. Dobie stated that the Grand Avenue Greenway Project will reduce flooding, it will add beautification and will provide traffic safety. The project will be on Grand Avenue from Louis Street to 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She continued that there was a community open house, they have distributed over 700 door hangers to the residents and businesses, they have had opportunities for community feedback and are addressing residents’ inquiries and concerns.

Ms. Dobie continued that next steps will be more community meetings and hope for final completion of the project in August of 2026.

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Ms. Dobie also mentioned that part of the project will be providing additional parking spaces along the side streets that frequent local businesses. (these new spaces will not hinder the existing residential parking)

### 5. Public Comment:

Violet Pamintuan of 3046 Gustave, came forward and stated she is very passionate about the environment and the Village she lives in. She was concerned that the rain gardens were cut down at the end of the season. She stated that she is concerned about the type of lighting that will be installed along the Grand Avenue Corridor with the hope that will not cause undue light pollution. She is also cognitive about the flora and various types of native plants that will be planted for the project.

### 6. Old Business: None.

### 7. Staff Update: None.

Mr. Repa and Mr. Mizner thanked everyone for attending this evening, and they look forward to working more with CIS and the community to bring this great proejct to fruition.

### 8. Member Badillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Plan Commission. It was seconded by Member Montenegro. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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