I. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Call to order, 7:03PM

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 14 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Staley motions to approve the April 14 meeting minutes. Commissioner Freeman seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously

III. ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (R4/oH to R5) 10PLND-0022

415 Sherman (Southeast Corner of Austin Street and Sherman Avenue)

Mr. Dunkley presented the proposed changes to the zoning map for 415 Sherman. The rationale behind the zoning changes were:

a. the subject property is adjacent or abuts property that is zoned R5
b. The property no longer is owned by St. Francis Hospital which used the plot of land as a parking lot for many years. The current zoning overlay applies almost exclusively to hospital-type uses.

Citizen comments ranged from the concern of more parking being displaced onto the streets to increased traffic in the neighborhood and the potential for shadows being cast on houses.

Commissioners noted that it makes sense to recommend the zoning change due to the fact that the hospital no longer owns the property and that the remaining private property surrounding the property is zoned R5. Changing the zone will bring the property in line with the uses on the rest of the block.

Alderman Rainey spoke to the issue of parking and promised to work with St. Francis hospital on a parking solution that will help residents in the neighborhood and will help to alleviate on-street parking issues.

Commissioner Opdycke motions to recommend to City Council to change the zoning from R4 to R5. Commissioner Staley seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously

Commissioner Opdycke motions to recommend to City Council to remove the oH zoning overlay from the property at 415 Sherman. Commissioner Asaro seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously
IV. EVANSTON PLAN2030 UPDATE – REVIEW OF EXISTING PLANS

Mr. Sklenar opened discussion about the memo given to Plan Commission Members regarding the review of existing plans in the City of Evanston and how they might tie into the new comprehensive plan. Commissioner Meyer voiced his interest and concern to include more sustainable practices into the new comprehensive plan. Commissioner Galloway echoed his interest in sustainability as an over-arching theme in the update as well.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Reports

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Opdycke motions for adjournment. Commissioner Freeman seconds the motion.
Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM

The next regular Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2010 at 7pm in the City Council Chambers of the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig D Sklenar, AICP
General Planner, City of Evanston.