APPROVED MINUTES
EVANSTON PLAN COMMISSION
Meeting of WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 / 7:00 P.M.
Evanston Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT ................................... Stuart Opdycke (Chair), Richard Shure, Charles Staley, James Woods, Johanna Nyden, Seth Freeman

MEMBERS ABSENT .................................................. David Galloway, Scott Peters

STAFF PRESENT ................................................... Craig Sklenar, Bill Dunkley

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

I. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Chair Opdycke calls the meeting to order

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 12 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Staley moves for approval of minutes
Commissioner Shure seconds.
Minutes approved unanimously

III. ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT

09PLND-0071

Proposed Ordinance 87-O-09: Revision to I1, I2, and I3 Zoning Districts

The Plan Commission will consider a text amendment to the zoning ordinance to remove Membership Organization and Religious Institution (>35,000 sf) from the list of permitted and special uses in the I1 “Industrial/Office” (Sections 6-14-2-2, 6-14-2-3), I2 “General Industrial” (Sections 6-14-3-2, 6-14-3-3), and I3 “General Industrial” (Sections 6-14-4-2, 6-14-4-3) districts.

Discussion was opened on whether or not to approve this change.

Commissioner Staley stated that:
“…overall I have a little concern in just deleting it to make our case better. I think there is an underlying basis for doing that because I think a membership organization is sort of like ‘one of these things is not like the other,’ and it’s the one that’s not like th other when you look through the categories. If you look at the permitted uses in all these districts, I don’t know why membership organization was ever there because it really doesn’t belong there. So, I don’t have any problem voting for it because I think it is logical and there’s a basis for it.”

Commissioner Freeman voiced a concern that taking out the use after the legal issue was raised would not be the right move to do in this instance.

Commissioner Staley moved to remove membership organization and religious institutions from the list of permitted and special uses in the I1, I2 and I3 Districts.
Commissioner Woods Seconds.

Five Ayes.

Commissioner Freeman Opposed.

Motion Passes

**IV. DOWNTOWN ZONING IMPLEMENTATION DISCUSSION**

Mr Dunkley presented the preliminary outline and schedule for the downtown zoning implementation. Concern was given that the schedule was too aggressive and the Commission wanted assurances that there will be flexibility in the schedule. Discussion was given on to ensure the Rules for public comment were up to date prior to these meetings taking place.

**V. EVANSTON PLAN2030**

a. CMAP GOTO 2040 Vision Workshop Wrap-up
b. Subcommittee

Mr Sklenar presented the results of the Workshop and announced that CMAP will be meeting with City Staff later in the month. The subcommittee will meet after the Plan Commission meeting.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None to report.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Freeman motions to adjourn.

Commissioner Nyden Seconds.

Unanimous in favor.

Meeting adjourns 8:03 PM.

The next regular Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009** at 7pm in the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig D Sklenar, AICP
Planning Division