I. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Call to order, 7:03PM

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 10 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Peters motions to approve the March 10 meeting minutes. Commissioner Shure seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

III. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RECORDING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Zoning Administrator Bill Dunkley presented changes and recommendations as to how meetings of the Plan Commission, ZBA and Zoning Committee of the Plan Commission will be documented for official records. His reasoning for these changes are:

1. it will save money for both the City of Evanston and applicants
2. it will shorten application times from 2 weeks to a few days

Commissioner Freeman voiced concern over the increased time the Plan Commission and Council will have to spend viewing videos instead of reading transcripts. There was also concern over the burden of cost for implementing the new program, what were the new fees to be charged for applicants, if any, for the cost of producing the video transcript.

IV. EVANSTON PLAN2030 UPDATE

Craig Sklenar and Dennis Marino updated the Plan Commission on changes to the Comprehensive Plan effort. The strategy has shifted focus from a completely new plan to an update that integrates current critical issues and goals and objectives from other plans that have been commissioned since the 1999 update to the Comprehensive Plan. City staff will provide a “Critical Issues” Memo to Plan Commission with recommendations to move forward in the 4th quarter of this year.

Chairman Opdycke asked for nominations for a new chair of the Comprehensive Plan subcommittee. Commissioner Meyer volunteered for the position.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Community and Economic Development Director Lehman Walker made a few announcements:

1. The proposed merger of the Plan Commission with the Historic Preservation Commission will not be pursued anymore.
2. Johanna Nyden will be joining the City of Evanston staff as a new Economic Development Planner.
3. Additional city staff support will be provided at future meetings.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Peters motioned for adjournment.
Commissioner Shure seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned 7:43 PM.

The next regular Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010 at 7pm in the City Council Chambers of the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

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