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CITY OF EVANSTON

PLAN COMMISSION

CASE NO.: ZPC 09 PLND-0014 & ZPC 09 PLND-0015

RE: Zoning Code Updates Group B. To consider  
amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as part of the  
General Zoning Ordinance Updates, Phase 1-B.

Transcribed Report of Proceedings of a public  
hearing on the above captioned matter, held July 8, 2009  
at the Evanston Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, 2nd  
Floor, Evanston, Illinois, at 7:07 p.m. and presided  
over by S. Opdycke, Chair.

PRESENT:

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| S. OPDYCKE, Chair | S. FREEMAN             |
| J. NYDEN          | D. GALLOWAY            |
| S. PETERS         | C. STALEY              |
| J. WOODS          | L. WIDMAYER, Associate |

STAFF:

- C. SKLENAR, General Planner
- B. DUNKLEY, Zoning Administrator

1 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: The Evanston Plan  
2 Commission meeting is now called to order. We do, in  
3 fact, have a quorum. Our first order of business is the  
4 approval of the May 13 minutes. Is there a motion?

5 MR. GALLOWAY: Motion to approve.

6 MR. PETERS: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: All those in favor?

8 (Chorus of ayes.)

9 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Opposed? Motion carried.  
10 The minutes are approved. I do notice, however --  
11 Widmayer --

12 MR. WOODS: His other passport.

13 MR. FREEMAN: Stuart, could I ask a question?  
14 Were packets sent out or is it just e-mail?

15 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Just e-mail.

16 MR. FREEMAN: Okay, so you must have --

17 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: I mean, I didn't receive --  
18 on e-mail.

19 MR. SKLENAR: -- requested packet --

20 MR. FREEMAN: Oh, you requested a packet, oh,  
21 okay --

22 MR. SKLENAR: -- you like an e-mail in the  
23 future or --

24 MR. FREEMAN: Not if I have to use up my

1 printer ink.

2 MR. GALLOWAY: I absolutely won't print it at  
3 home. If you send something that needed to be printed I  
4 will not do that.

5 MR. SKLENAR: If there's something that needs  
6 to be printed we will actually send things out and if  
7 it's something to this effect we'll just e-mail --

8 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: What do you mean by that?  
9 I mean, I don't think we have to, I don't think you have  
10 to pass out hard copy of the transcript --

11 MR. SKLENAR: No, no, I mean things like -- in  
12 the future, reports, anything beyond that sort of thing.

13 MR. FREEMAN: Books.

14 MR. SKLENAR: Books, yes.

15 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Yeah, okay, very good.  
16 Item Number 3, Continuation of Zoning Ordinance Text  
17 Amendment Public Hearing

18 MR. SKLENAR: We're actually --

19 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Are we waiting for Mr.  
20 Dunkley?

21 MR. SKLENAR: I can actually go look right  
22 now.

23 MR. FREEMAN: We must be because he's not  
24 here.

1 MR. SKLENAR: I could actually --

2 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Yeah, I would have thought  
3 he would be here --

4 Mr. Dunkley is not here but I think these,  
5 these matters are pretty straightforward. The first one  
6 is Group A Zoning Update Recommendations, Air  
7 Conditioners, and we all received a memo on that. Are  
8 there any, has everybody had a chance to read that memo  
9 and are there any questions that we have about it?

10 I will read for the record, Craig, is that  
11 okay or do you --

12 MR. SKLENAR: Yes, that's fine.

13 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Well, I don't have to read  
14 this into the record but it's all set out there in the  
15 memo with the modified wording. And this has all been  
16 covered in committee. Well, perhaps I will read it.  
17 The air conditioning equipment is, the proposed  
18 amendment, and I'll read that. Air conditioning  
19 equipment, subject to Section 6469 of this chapter,  
20 special regulations applicable to air conditioning  
21 equipment.

22 Air conditioning equipment shall not be  
23 permitted to be located A, in the front yard; B, within  
24 10 feet of any property line with the following

1 exceptions:

2           1. Permitted within 10 feet of the rear  
3 property line if that property line abuts a non-  
4 residential district in its entirety.

5           2. Permitted within 10 feet of the street side  
6 property line if a, the equipment is located within two  
7 feet of the principal structure and b, landscaping is  
8 planted around the unit to obscure from public  
9 visibility.

10           3. Permitted within 10 feet of an interior  
11 side property line if a, that property line abuts a non-  
12 residential district or an alley of at least 10 feet in  
13 width in its entirety and b, the equipment is located  
14 within two feet of the principal structure and c,  
15 landscaping is planted around the unit to obscure from  
16 public visibility.

17           4. The fourth exception is window air  
18 conditioner units are permitted within 10 feet but not  
19 closer than five feet of any side property line. That's  
20 the, that's the proposed text changes to, not all of  
21 that is, are changes, but that's how the proposal,  
22 proposed text will read concerning air conditioning  
23 equipment. Any comments?

24           MS. NYDEN: Can somebody explain to me the

1 window air conditioner, how that sort of got, those  
2 depths got determined? I'm not remembering that.

3 MR. WOODS: I think that's actually the way it  
4 has been.

5 MS. NYDEN: Oh, okay, it has been that way,  
6 but most everybody's probably non-conforming in  
7 Evanston.

8 MR. WOODS: I think that that's true. I mean,  
9 if you've got a house within three feet of the property  
10 line and you have window air conditioner units, you're  
11 in violation, technically.

12 MS. NYDEN: Right, okay. All right, never  
13 mind, that's all.

14 MR. WIDMAYER: However there are a number of  
15 those --

16 MS. NYDEN: Yeah, go to any apartment,  
17 courtyard apartment building.

18 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Well, I thought, I thought  
19 we'd move on to the Group B Zoning Update  
20 Recommendations and when we have gone through all of  
21 them then we'll ask for approval and then we'll recite  
22 the standards and we'll accept the motion that reflects  
23 the fact that many of the standards have been set. So,  
24 Item Number 4 on the agenda is Continuation of Zoning

1 Ordinance Text Amendment Public Hearing, Group B Zoning  
2 Update Recommendations. First one on the list here is  
3 the, to clarify the community center, the definition.  
4 Bill, you want to, you want to pick it up?

5 MR. DUNKLEY: Certainly.

6 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Okay.

7 MR. DUNKLEY: I apologize for being late, Bill  
8 Dunkley, Zoning Administrator.

9 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: That's okay. We've already  
10 gone through the air conditioners and we're now on the  
11 definition of Community Center, and we all have your  
12 memo.

13 MR. FREEMAN: And we were going to do the  
14 teacher, the five minute teacher rule, but Stuart  
15 overruled.

16 MR. DUNKLEY: I'm sorry, you said you were  
17 through with the --

18 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: We're through air  
19 conditioners.

20 MR. DUNKLEY: Through with air conditioners.

21 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Unless you want to revisit  
22 that.

23 MR. DUNKLEY: No, I don't. Actually there is,  
24 there's only one, one change from what we had talked

1 about, and it just occurred that. let's see, that is a  
2 revised handout for restaurants. This is a slight  
3 change -- it has to do with adding one condition to, I  
4 believe it's the alley situation.

5 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Are you reading from your  
6 memo now or is this a change to the memo?

7 MR. DUNKLEY: Yeah, it is, no, it's from the  
8 memo, it's in what was distributed.

9 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Oh. But if none of us have  
10 any questions about this, and we've already voted in  
11 favor of it.

12 MR. DUNKLEY: Okay, then I'll leave you to  
13 your own minds.

14 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Wait a minute, are you  
15 talking about restaurants?

16 MR. DUNKLEY: No, I'm talking, I'm going back  
17 to air conditioners, one thing that had changed. Well,  
18 at the interior side yard property we added, there were  
19 two conditions when we discussed it. And we added a  
20 third, which is, let's see, the property line abuts a  
21 non-residential district, which is something that hadn't  
22 occurred to us at the time. So, air conditioners will  
23 be permitted 10 feet within an interior side property  
24 line if that property line abuts a non-residential

1 district, same as the rear situation, or an alley of at  
2 least ten feet in width. So that's the only change  
3 there. I thought that was pretty --

4 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Okay.

5 MR. DUNKLEY: Then moving on.

6 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Then moving onto Community  
7 Center definitions.

8 MR. DUNKLEY: All of these changes by the way  
9 have had the review of our Legal Department staff, and  
10 all have gotten the okay, except there was a suggestion  
11 regarding restaurant definition which I think we've,  
12 we've dealt with, when we get there. If you'll remember  
13 when we met as a, the zoning committee, we really I  
14 think made some good progress on the Community Center  
15 definition.

16 The reason we're focusing on this is because  
17 it's currently wide open and allows a lot of potential  
18 applications for uses that are really not what you would  
19 think of as a community center, and we've had, we've  
20 dealt with a couple over the past year.

21 And what we did was we added the community  
22 center has to be open to the public, under the  
23 jurisdiction of a public or non-profit agency, and is  
24 used for the basic purposes of recreation, education and

1 service. We then added a list of accessory uses that  
2 help to define community centers such as auditoriums,  
3 multi-purpose rooms, gymnasiums, meeting spaces, open  
4 spaces, playgrounds, playing courts, playing fields and  
5 swimming pools.

6 And then I think what really helped is that we  
7 excluded retail services, membership organizations,  
8 commercial recreation indoor and outdoor, shelters,  
9 treatment facilities and care facilities. And I think  
10 that kind of took care of most of the exceptions that we  
11 could come up with. Our Law Department thinks it's a  
12 much more useful definition and doesn't see that we're  
13 really increasing our, our risk.

14 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Any questions? All right,  
15 we'll move onto the next item, the definition of  
16 Live/Work Unit.

17 MR. DUNKLEY: Live/Work we really left as we  
18 had initially, as it was again proposed to the zoning  
19 committee. The point here is that we are starting to  
20 get more and more applications for live/work units, and  
21 we don't have a definition for that. It's important to  
22 differentiate that from mixed use, which it seems to be  
23 becoming in danger of becoming confused with.

24 A live/work unit is where we have two, two

1 different categories of use within the same actual unit  
2 itself, not within the same development, which is  
3 characterized as mixed use. And, the definition is that  
4 it combines an allowed, of course it has to be allowed  
5 in the district, a commercial or manufacturing activity  
6 with the residential living use, residential use per the  
7 owner or proprietor of the commercial or manufacturing  
8 activity, and that person's household. The important  
9 thing is that the person living there has to be  
10 responsible for the business, otherwise it doesn't, it's  
11 not Live/Work, it's a rental or it's mixed use or it's  
12 something else.

13           Number 2, where the resident owner or  
14 proprietor of the business is responsible for the  
15 commercial manufacturing activity, as I just said, and  
16 3, where the activity conducted takes place subject to a  
17 valid business license or permit, that's associated with  
18 the premises. So again, differentiating it from home  
19 occupation, which really is a different kettle of fish,  
20 much less intensive.

21           CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Any questions? Comments?  
22 Next item is, deals with portable moving containers and  
23 dumpsters as a temporary use.

24           MR. DUNKLEY: This one is a fairly easy change

1 to make, it's in addition to the temporary uses that are  
2 permitted in residential districts, so we're going to  
3 add just the number six after the five that are  
4 currently permitted, which is the moving, portable  
5 moving storage units. We agreed that a period of 21  
6 days was adequate for most, for most any uses we could  
7 think of. It also doesn't affect the university and  
8 their reliance on PODS or portable outdoor moving  
9 containers because their, their functions do not take  
10 place in residential districts.

11 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Questions? Comments?

12 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, does this apply  
13 to, we see these big containers by the curb, storage,  
14 temporary storage unit, would that apply here?

15 MR. DUNKLEY: Well, it would apply only on  
16 private property. If it were on public property, on the  
17 parkway for instance, and that were on the outside of  
18 the property line, they would have to obtain a public  
19 right-of-way.

20 PUBLIC SPEAKER: I think I remember seeing  
21 something, one of those storage, temporary storage bins  
22 by some curbside here in Evanston, and I don't know if  
23 it's here anymore, but it just occurred to me, I  
24 remembered seeing something like that, and I

1 thought, hmm.

2 MR. DUNKLEY: Well, generally it's harder to  
3 get on public property, as you can imagine. There's  
4 also a fee for usage of that, the bins.

5 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Okay.

6 MR. DUNKLEY: As a temporary use, there would  
7 be an application fee of \$25 but that's pretty nominal.

8 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Does that answer your  
10 question?

11 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Yes, thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Next item, expiration date  
13 for special use and plan development.

14 MR. DUNKLEY: Actually, I misspoke. There is  
15 a, there's a significant change to the text, although  
16 not a change to the content of what was proposed at the  
17 last meeting, at the zoning committee meeting. We  
18 thought it would be in our best interest to really just  
19 take verbatim the text that currently exists in the  
20 special use limitation section and repeat it in the  
21 planned development section. That really solves a lot  
22 of the problem we were seeing that planned developments  
23 do not state at all in these current planned  
24 developments, planned development sections of the zoning

1 ordinance per se, that there's an expiration date.

2           One has to know that it's a form of special  
3 use which it does tell you, but then to go to the  
4 special use section and see that there is actually an  
5 expiration of one year. Nobody felt that there's any  
6 risk in duplicating that text. There actually is one  
7 small sentence that was taken out and that is, that in  
8 the special use section you can, you can obviate the  
9 expiration by beginning that use, which really doesn't  
10 apply to planned developments.

11           Planned developments is a physical building  
12 construction type of activity, it's never just a use, a  
13 change of use. So we thought that wasn't necessary.  
14 Other than that, it's exactly the same text as is in the  
15 special use limitations.

16           CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Questions? Comments? Our  
17 Type 1/Type 2 restaurant definitions?

18           MR. DUNKLEY: And here the change is only to  
19 restaurant Type 1, and this is on recommendation of our,  
20 a lot of our staff. We felt that the threshold, just  
21 definition of a threshold as it's included, as it  
22 separates Type 1 and Type 2, should be kept from the  
23 same really point of view. And this is where I'd like  
24 to distribute a provision. It's exactly the same

1 content, although it does get around that somewhat,  
2 hopefully actually realized but potential problem of  
3 exactly 40 percent take-outs.

4 So in this version the threshold is stated in  
5 terms of food that is served but not consumed on the  
6 premises. In the previous version it was food served  
7 and consumed for Type 1 and food served but not consumed  
8 on the premises for Type 2, which led to a logical  
9 problem.

10 So, the proposed revision reads that the  
11 definition of a Restaurant Type 1 is a restaurant where  
12 less than 30 percent of food and beverages served is  
13 consumed off the premises, excluding food and beverages  
14 delivered directly to the residence or workplace of the  
15 consumer. In common language that means less than 30  
16 percent is takeout without considering the, without  
17 considering delivery. What's left is food served at  
18 table. And where food and beverages are not served at a  
19 drive-through facility, we'll have to add that in.  
20 That's an immediate qualifier for Type 2.

21 Restaurant Type 2 is very similar, although  
22 expressed in the converse. A restaurant where 30  
23 percent or more of food and beverages served are  
24 consumed off premises, excluding food and beverages

1 delivered directly to the residence or place of a  
2 consumer, or where any food and beverages are served at a  
3 drive-through facility.

4 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Any questions about this?  
5 Comments? I don't really understand the change here,  
6 but I think it accomplishes the same purpose.

7 MR. DUNKLEY: It does --

8 MR. GALLOWAY: It makes more sense to have  
9 both of them together, I think.

10 MR. DUNKLEY: It's unfortunate that the  
11 Restaurant Type 1 then becomes defined based upon not  
12 being a Restaurant Type 2. But it is, in fact, easier  
13 to administer and it does remove a unlikely but  
14 undefined situation.

15 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Okay. Any other comments,  
16 questions about this? All right, that takes care of the  
17 proposed changes. I would entertain a motion to accept  
18 the proposed text changes. Is there such a motion?

19 MR. WOODS: I'd like to move that we accept  
20 the proposed text changes.

21 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Is there a second?

22 MR. FREEMAN: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: All those in favor?

24 (Chorus of ayes.)

1 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Opposed? Motion carries.

2 MR. WOODS: What are our standards?

3 MR. DUNKLEY: Our standards in this case  
4 are --

5 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Well, there's really,  
6 there's really four standards but there's only two I  
7 think that are applicable here. One is whether the  
8 proposed amendments are consistent with the goals,  
9 objectives and policies of the comprehensive general  
10 plan, and I believe that they are, and secondly whether  
11 the proposed amendments will have an adverse effect on  
12 the value of adjacent properties, and arguably that is  
13 applicable here and I think that is also met. The other  
14 two standards are not applicable, they have to do with  
15 development and public services.

16 So, I would move that, that we approve or we  
17 realize that the standards set forth have been met as  
18 applied to these particular text changes.

19 MR. WOODS: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: All in favor?

21 (Chorus of ayes.)

22 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Opposed? Motion carries.

23 All right, the last item then, well not the last item, I  
24 take that back, Craig, you're up on Evanston Plan2030.

1           MR. SKLENAR: I'm not going to talk too much  
2 about the memo that I sent last month. But, what I  
3 wanted to spend the majority of our time discussing  
4 today is, C-Net called me a couple weeks ago and needed  
5 me to do a, either here or in Skokie, do a vision  
6 session with the general public about their Go To 2040  
7 plan. And what I want, I said yes, but I wanted to see  
8 the questions that they're going to bring about. It's  
9 some kind of visual exercise -- survey. What I'm  
10 concerned about is, you know, they're going to ask  
11 questions about what our down towns in this home city  
12 should look like, I don't want that brought up because  
13 we've already addressed that.

14           But if it's overall -- that's appropriate, and  
15 I was wondering if the Planning Commission would want to  
16 be an active role in that, at least attend the vision  
17 session. It's only one day, two hours, and they listed  
18 some dates that are open right now, and I'd like to see  
19 if you guys have a preference for the dates, that way I  
20 can get back to them and finalize this.

21           MS. NYDEN: This would be here or at Skokie?

22           MR. SKLENAR: Here, I jumped on it as we'll do  
23 it here in City Hall.

24           MR. STALEY: What is it again, more

1 specifically?

2 MR. SKLENAR: It's, C-Net is the regional  
3 planning entity that, they're doing their 2040 Comp.  
4 Plan, and --

5 MR. PETERS: They replaced NIPSE and CATS.

6 MR. SKLENAR: Yes.

7 MR. PETERS: CATS was the Transportation,  
8 Technical Transportation Studies and was slightly  
9 farther with regional land use, and the two got  
10 consolidated.

11 MS. NYDEN: And this plan determines how the,  
12 how like federal funding will be funneled into  
13 Northeastern Illinois, everything from transportation  
14 dollars to housing, I mean everything. So if everybody  
15 goes you know what, let's go build highways way far out  
16 in Kane County and McHenry County, but we're all paying  
17 the taxes, you know, that happens. We can say, you  
18 know, let's center in -- it's a way to sort of vision  
19 what the region will look like.

20 MR. SKLENAR: We've been doing a lot of public  
21 outreach at public festivals this summer, they have  
22 kiosks all over the city, in Chicago and I know they're  
23 setting out in the suburbs as well.

24 MS. NYDEN: I mean, they get very cool, like

1 if you go to the website, I don't know if any have gone  
2 before, but it's like, it's like Sim City, like very  
3 cool graphics, you can punch in a bunch of the things  
4 and you get different, I mean, it's like very, very  
5 interesting, it's cool that we'd be involved.

6 MR. SKLENAR: C-Net's one of the strongest  
7 attempts to have a regional planning -- I think this is  
8 a great opportunity for us at least to figure out what  
9 the citizens are looking for, for a comp plans, because  
10 it concerns Evanston as well. So I was just wondering  
11 if there were any dates that popped out, I know August  
12 is a weird month because everybody's on vacation, but --

13 MR. PETERS: I'd like to attend and I'd prefer  
14 the last, 18 to 20.

15 MR. SKLENAR: 18 to 20?

16 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Of what month?

17 MR. SKLENAR: August.

18 MS. NYDEN: Do you know --

19 MR. WIDMAYER: I think it's like Tuesday  
20 through Thursday.

21 MS. NYDEN: Like a Tuesday, Wednesday,  
22 Thursday?

23 MR. SKLENAR: Yeah.

24 MR. STALEY: We're expected to go to all, how

1 many --

2 MR. SKLENAR: There's only going to do one  
3 here in the city. So they just gave me a broad range of  
4 dates and I think, I'm going to call them back and say  
5 this is when we want to do it. Hopefully they'll --

6 MS. NYDEN: Well, what about keeping it on a  
7 Wednesday since most of us are used to Wednesdays?

8 MR. SKLENAR: Yeah, we can try the 19th of  
9 August which is a Wednesday.

10 MR. STALEY: My grandchildren are leaving that  
11 day so I'll be all right.

12 MR. FREEMAN: I may be on vacation.

13 MR. WIDMAYER: That's when the zoning  
14 committee usually meets, isn't it though?

15 MR. FREEMAN: All of the meetings are on  
16 Wednesdays, the Zoning's on Wednesday, Economic  
17 Development's on Wednesday, we're on Wednesday, so it's  
18 three Wednesdays of the month shot. So --

19 MS. NYDEN: We're saying it would be easier  
20 for people, like a Tuesday or Thursday, but that's fine,  
21 we can do --

22 MR. FREEMAN: Well, if it's Wednesday we're  
23 all on a zoning, right, so --

24 MR. WOODS: But that's night.

1 MR. FREEMAN: Is this night or day?

2 MR. STALEY: This is night.

3 MR. SKLENAR: They prefer like 5:00 o'clock.

4 MR. WOODS: Start between 6:00 and 7:00 and  
5 will go for two hours.

6 MR. FREEMAN: Well, why don't we ask --

7 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: The 20th would be good.

8 MS. NYDEN: 20th, Thursday?

9 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Yeah.

10 MS. NYDEN: That's fine.

11 MR. FREEMAN: 20th is good.

12 MS. NYDEN: 20th, yeah.

13 MR. SKLENAR: I'll give them a call and then  
14 if, in case any comments or as far as what you would  
15 like them to ask, I, I would ask some feedback, that way  
16 I can channel that to them as far as --

17 MR. WOODS: Not to ask.

18 MR. SKLENAR: That too. I kind of have a  
19 checklist going on in my head right now based on stories  
20 that have been told to me.

21 MR. STALEY: Do you know the website for this  
22 because I haven't looked at it.

23 MR. SKLENAR: It's, it should be, go to, go to  
24 2040.org, there's a pamphlet that I, or a flyer that I

1 attached to the packet that talks a little bit about  
2 their -- you can actually go in and use your own model  
3 name and print it off and send in your own comments.

4 MR. STALEY: Are you saying Send City or --

5 MS. NYDEN: Sim City like the computer game.

6 MR. SKLENAR: Sim, s-i-m, simulation. Not Las  
7 Vegas.

8 MR. STALEY: I just wanted to understand --

9 MR. SKLENAR: That's all I wanted to bring up  
10 tonight as fast as the plan because that's going to be  
11 our next step. I haven't been able to spend much time  
12 in the last month I've been a little busy in the  
13 Planning Department.

14 MR. STALEY: Craig, for my benefit, tell me  
15 the general outline of this, of this seminar --

16 MR. SKLENAR: Yeah, so they want to discuss  
17 the 2040 vision, C-map will --

18 MR. STALEY: I guess the reason I'm in the  
19 dark is I only picked up two pages on the e-mail and I  
20 think everybody else got the full package I didn't,  
21 so --

22 MR. SKLENAR: They did this really quick  
23 agenda. They want to briefly discuss the 2040 vision.  
24 They want to know who's, actually who's attending in the

1 room itself, and then what they want to do is get  
2 feedback from those people on what they think the 2040  
3 vision for the region, for the, not just Evanston and  
4 Skokie but the entire region should look like and where  
5 we should place growth and new transportation elements  
6 and infrastructure and water and all the elements that  
7 go in that.

8 MS. NYDEN: It's like if we say you know, we  
9 say we know a lot of people work in the northwest  
10 suburbs so we really need east/west transit or rapid bus  
11 lines from Evanston and Wilmette to, you know,  
12 Schaumburg, and that would be, you know, we, that would  
13 really help with reverse commute stuff. And so that's,  
14 I mean, they have, they've been doing this for a long  
15 time so they have to do this every few years and they're  
16 really good at asking the right questions of people and  
17 getting, and like collecting the information. They're  
18 very efficient and meaningful.

19 Like when CATS and NIPSE were separate, they  
20 were sort of both doing their own planning process at  
21 the same time and it was really sort of backward because  
22 you'd have the transportation, doing transportation  
23 planning, and the land use people making the land use  
24 decisions, so the transportation and the land use

1 decisions didn't necessarily --

2 MR. SKLENAR: Coincide.

3 MS. NYDEN: Right, so they're now together and  
4 this is the first time that they're doing this process.

5 MR. SKLENAR: They will be utilizing a real  
6 time preference survey during, during the meeting.  
7 Everybody will have a computer control and they'll show  
8 pictures up on the screen and you choose which one you  
9 like the best, and that's going to help put together  
10 idea what this part of the region is actually looking  
11 for in development, types of transportation. It could  
12 be good, it could be not.

13 MS. NYDEN: No, it, but it's very, I mean,  
14 it's like, it's so sophisticated, I mean, it's just,  
15 it's like every round they do this they make it even  
16 better. I mean it's like, it's very impressive.

17 MR. SKLENAR: And I think it's something we  
18 can learn from to apply to our comp. plan and elements  
19 that we could use. That's why I would like you guys  
20 there, or at least part of you guys there to see what's  
21 going on and what types of questions they're asking, the  
22 tools that they're using.

23 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Okay, I take it you'll  
24 follow this up with a memo or something --

1 MR. SKLENAR: Yeah, once I get more  
2 information from them and I'm hoping to get a list of  
3 questions from them, at least some kind of script that  
4 we can, I can send out. And if you guys have any red  
5 flags to that, we can address that so we can --

6 MS. NYDEN: Great.

7 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Okay, anything else in  
8 connection with this agenda item that we want to take  
9 up? No?

10 MR. SKLENAR: That's all I have.

11 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Okay. Item Number 6,  
12 committee reports. There being none we'll move onto  
13 Item Number 7, adjournment. Is there a motion to  
14 adjourn?

15 MR. FREEMAN: So moved.

16 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: Second?

17 MS. NYDEN: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: In favor?

19 (Chorus of ayes.)

20 CHAIRMAN OPDYCKE: The motion carries.

21 (Whereupon, the hearing on the  
22 above-titled cause was  
23 concluded at 7:41 p.m.)

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