MEETING NOTES
COMP PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 3, 2012
7:30 A.M.
Evanston Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Room 2403

Members Present: Scott Peters, Richard Shure, David Galloway, Barbara Putta, Lenny Asaro

Staff Present: Susan Guderley, Dennis Marino

1. CALL TO ORDER
Member Peters called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M.

2. DISCUSSION
   - 40% of Generation X/Y population reports having no cars; also expect to delay home ownership. Implications include:
     o This cohort will value walkable neighborhoods and multi-modal options for work commutes
     o What will happen to stock of large suburban homes as baby boomers down-size?
   - Demographics and price of gasoline are two powerful indicators of value of TOD development.
     o What are the population densities within ¼-mile radii of Evanston's existing CTA and Metra stations?
     o Are there other future TOD locations to be identified – e.g. those accessible by bus in West Evanston?
   - Pace Route 250 – currently provides service between Evanston and O'Hare Airport Kiss & Ride. This route had been proposed by City's Traffic Engineering staff for signal upgrades which will extend signal length for Pace buses and decrease their time travel within the Evanston segment of this route. Pace had previously suggested Route 250 route for consideration as BRT service.
   - Infrequency of transit service in Evanston is an issue – how can Evanston become a place of greater transportation options? What would it take to create a circulator bus route? Private trolley company or Pace were discussed as potential options/partners.
   - How many Evanston residents regularly travel to O'Hare Airport and would use direct service to/from? The possibility of originating such service from one of the city’s parking garages was discussed. Benefits would include convenience to Evanston residents/businesses and additional users for the city’s parking garages.
   - Evanston Bus Routes:
     o Have changed routes
     o There is a need to increase ridership, tied to access

3. NEXT STEPS
   NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, April 24, 7:30 a.m., Room 2403

4. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 9:00 A.M.