THE COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE
ON PLAN OF CHICAGO.

Synopsis of minutes of meetings of General Plan Committee
April 30, 1908, to April 2, 1909.

April 30, 1908:

Resolution releasing Mr. Burnham in the matter of
 guaranty as to cost of preparing Plan of Chicago; Mr. Burnham
to go on with the work.

Mr. Charles Moore employed to edit Report.

May 1, 1908:

N. Y. C. Lines officials, Schaff and Hotchkiss saw
plans re railroads.

June 4, 1908:

Financial report. Fredk. Law Olmsted making plans for
limited improvement in Lake Front: not sufficient scope for
future.

C&NWRR cannot depress Kinzie street tracks six feet as
claimed by Michigan avenue property owners.

June 12, 1908:

Postmaster and officials lunched with Plan Committee.
Discussed question of requirements and location of post office.

June 22, 1908:

Executive and Street Traffic Committees of Chicago
Association of Commerce met with committee and promised to
cooperate on Plan. Street Traffic Committee to make report
on congestion of Michigan Avenue and vicinity.

June 29, 1908:

Discussion of program for RR meeting July 14th.

Norton, Wacker and Carr appointed to co-operate with
Association of Commerce on Plan.

Mr. Thorne authorized to spend $500 on booklet on
Interurban roadways.

July 10, 1908:
January 28, 1909:

Proofreading of six chapters of book.

March 1, 1909:

Post Office site. Secretary Cortelyou requested to hold up decision on location. Messrs. Thorne and Wilson to arrange meeting with West Park Board.

Legal chapter, re concurrence and approval of other attorneys.

Ask for no further subscriptions until book is out.

March 11, 1909:

Post Office site. Mr. Cortelyou held up decision. Now up to Mr. MacVeagh, who promises to withhold action pending report from Plan Committee.

Legal Chapter. referred to Committee of three—Messrs. Delano, Wilson and Morton, to confer with lawyers and obtain concurrence in plan.

March 14, 1909:

Final study and approval of text of book on Plan.

March 22, 1909:

Post Office Site. Mr. Norton advocated early recommendation of exact location, with data favorable to such location. Mr. Thorne to make recommendation after conference with his committee.

Book on Plan promised between May 10 and 21.

Mr. Chamberlin comments on book. Question of publicity; distribution—carefully check distribution.

Publicity immediately on finish of book. Mr. Carr appointed to confer with Mr. Chamberlin and recommend program to Committee.

March 29, 1909.

West Park Board met with Committee. Explained all phases of Plan, especially civic center. Asked them to take steps to acquire section of proposed civic center for small park. They promised to consider.
December 14, 1908:

Voted to make financial report to Executive Committee as soon as possible.

Mr. Norton made financial report and estimates to May 16, 1909.

December 21, 1908:

1500 copies of Plan Book ordered.

Mr. Farwell resigned as Chairman of Post Office Site Committee. New committee appointed.

Reduction of expenses; drop draughting force to minimum.

December 28, 1908:

Mr. Fisher estimated cost of legal chapter: Mr. Carr authorized to employ him.

January 6, 1909:

Approval of letter to Harbor Commission re lake front.

Joint meeting with Executive Committee re general Plan work.

January 12, 1909:

All copy for book on Plan to printer January 16, 1909.

Draughting force reported reduced to Mr. Bennett and one man.

Executive Committee suggested working out what is already planned rather than exploiting new work.

Decided to project work on Twelfth, Halsted, Chicago avenue and Michigan avenue and get data and plans.

Endeavor to get some one to write article on Plan for publication in some magazine.

Mr. Frederick Greeley employed to May 16th.

January 25, 1909:

Discussion of book.

January 26, 1909:

Outline program of work for Mr. Greeley.

Civic center start as small park.
September 16, 1908:

Finances. Treasurer authorized to borrow $6,000 against subscriptions to be asked for.

September 21, 1908:

Mr. Carr asked opinions re an alternative plan if Board of Local Improvements fail to endorse our plan. Decided that alternative plan be made, but not presented; held as compromise if ideal fails to carry. Mr. Carr's committee authorized to present if and when it becomes absolutely necessary.

September 23, 1908:

John Knox Taylor, Supervising Architect Treasury Department, shown plans and relation of civic center to all plans. Was given sketches, maps, pictures, etc.

October 12, 1908:

Decided to make report on work now in hand for Executive Committee.

October 19, 1908:

Worked on draft of N & S connection booklet.

October 23, 1908:

ditto.

November 9, 1908:

Entertained members of Chicago Real Estate Board; explained plan and got their approval and promise to help it.

November 19, 1908:

Discussion of means of raising money: Ask for subscriptions of $500, payable in three annual installments.

December 7, 1908:

Report of Audit of books approved and suggestions as to accounting followed out.

H. B. Chamberlin to work up data on 12th St. Blvd.

Chair directed to confer with W. L. Fisher on legal Chapter of report.

December 13, 1908:

Discussion of matters pertaining to text of book, with Mr. Moore.
July 10, 1908:

Mr. Butler reported conference between South Park Board and his Committee on Lake Front improvement. Both sides to present plan and agree on details.

Mr. Butler to try to induce Crerar library people to hold up decision on location and not commit themselves.

Mr. Carr reported public hearing on N. & S. connection July 14 and 21.

J. Ogden Armour and Samuel McRoberts looked over plans, re transportation and freight problems.

July 14, 1908:

Special RR meeting. Plan placed before RR men and they were asked to establish line of communication with Plan Com. Chairman of General Managers' Association appointed to confer.

July 15, 1908:

Post Office site. Voted that Association of Commerce and Plan Committee PO site committees request conference with Treasury Department before action taken.

Louis A. Seeberger advocated PO near C&NW Ry.

July 27, 1908:

Discussion of course on N & S boulevard connection. Decided to send pamphlet to all subscribers and all other persons asking it.

Donnelley's bid, $11,000. on Book accepted.

August 3, 1908:

North and South connection. Decided it should be extended to store doors on west and Beaubien court on east, 246 feet, on elevation to be decided after conference with C&NW, Michigan avenue property owners and DeLand & Strobel. Elevation to cover Beaubien court, and IC may discharge passengers on to elevation direct. Committee on N&S connection confer with Col. Dietrich and report back to Plan Committee their recommendation.

August 25, 1908:

Decided to ask Association of Commerce to hold meeting on Plan, with lantern slides, pictures, sketches, maps, etc. R. C. Hall, E. M. Skinner and H. A. Wheeler special committee to make recommendation to Association of Commerce Ex. Com. and report back to Plan Committee. If endorsement given by Association of Com. they to appoint Com. to confer with Plan Com.