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Public Comment

Proposed Updates and Revisions to the Planning Commission Bylaws
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Michael - thank you for allowing the public to comment.

Rule #2. Matters Pending Before the Commission
   A. "The Secretary shall not accept for presentation to the Commission any matter unless it is properly made on the **prescribed forms** filled out with all required data attached.
Please clarify what and where the prescribed forms are located. In my experience, I just emailed my questions and comments to the clerk.

Rule #9. A roll call vote may be called in voting upon any motion of the Commission at the discretion of the Chair. **Any member present who does not vote in an audible voice shall be recorded as voting "aye."**
I am confused about this rule. Is there no option to abstain? Why should a yes vote be the default?

Rule #11. The Chair may, in the interest of facilitating the business of the Commission, limit the amount of time which a person may use in addressing the Commission.
Is there a standard time limit for public comment (as with the 3-minute rule at BOS)? I cannot find this in any of the existing rules.

Rule #16. All persons appearing before the Commission shall be required to give testimony or evidence under oath, at the discretion of the Chair of the Commission.
Please clarify what testimony or evidence under oath would be required. Would this be required of public comments or just the applicant?

Rule #17. Letters, petitions or other documentary evidence submitted to the Secretary of the Commission shall be presented to the Commission **prior to or at the time of the public hearing.** The Commission shall consider such material in deciding any issue before it.
Is this rule in conflict with Rule 2 regarding late submission?

Thank you again for allowing the public to comment and question the Planning Commission rules.

Regards, Eve Kahn
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