

Bloomington Planning Commission 2015 Work Plan

The Planning Commission is a seven member advisory commission, appointed by the City Council and charged with the following duties (City Code Section 2.98):

- (a) Hold hearings, review applications and make recommendations as set forth in the City Code;
- (b) Act as a board of appeals and adjustments within the terms and conditions set forth in Section 2.98.01 of this Code and Minnesota Statutes Sections 462.354, subd. 2, 462.357, subd. 6, and 462.359, subd. 4;
- (c) Review and make recommendations on proposed amendments to zoning, subdivision and transportation provisions of the City Code;
- (d) Review and make recommendations on proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan and district plans; and
- (e) Review and make recommendations on transportation issues including transportation planning, street extensions and modifications, street layout and striping, on street parking, neighborhood traffic plans, transportation grant applications, transit systems, pedestrian ways, and bicycle traffic.

In 2015, in addition to continued training and review of land use and development applications, the Planning Commission will focus on the following special projects:

1. Reviewing and making recommendations on proposed City Code amendments. In 2015, potential Code amendments are listed below in rough priority order recognizing that not all may be completed in 2015 dependent on staffing levels and development activity.
 - a. Complete revisions to mixed use districts and nonconformity standards.
 - b. Updating residential zoning districts and standards – Phase I in first quarter 2015, Phase II by end of 2015.
 - c. Modify standards for special events.
 - d. Update industrial districts and standards, including IT District adoption – continues beyond 2015.
 - e. Adoption of medical marijuana dispensary regulations.
 - f. Annual miscellaneous issues ordinance.
 - g. Water resources amendments (Engineering Division).
2. Reviewing and making recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan, District Plans, Small Area Plans and related projects. 2015 projects will include:
 - a. Minor update to Normandale Lake District Plan.
 - b. Planning for 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update – continues beyond 2015.
3. Reviewing and making recommendations on privately or City initiated rezoning and reguiding. 2015 projects will include:
 - a. Rezoning recommended by the Penn American District Plan.
 - b. Rezoning recommended by the South Loop District Plan.
4. Reviewing and making recommendations on long range planning and alternative transportation issues as they arise. 2015 projects will include:
 - a. Complete master plan for City owned land in the Minnesota River Valley.
 - b. Assist in update to Bloomington Alternative Transportation Plan.
 - c. Assist in preparation of Creative Placemaking framework plan for South Loop District.

- d. Assist in HRA led efforts to rejuvenate commercial and residential areas.
- e. Assist in update of Bloomington Strategic Plan – continues beyond 2015.