

Bloomington Planning Commission 2012 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 2010, the duties of the former Traffic and Transportation Advisory Commission were transferred to the Planning Commission and the two commissions were merged. In 2012, the Planning Commission will focus on the following items:

1. Continued training on both planning/zoning and transportation issues.
2. Reviewing and making recommendations on land use and development applications.
3. Reviewing and making recommendations on proposed City Code amendments, Comprehensive Plan amendments, District Plans, and other long range planning documents. Among potential projects in 2012, the Planning Commission prioritizes them in the following order (recognizing that not all will be completed in 2012 given staffing levels):
 - a. South Loop District Plan implementation;
 - b. Updating sign standards for the CX-2 Zoning District;
 - c. Updating sign brightness standards;
 - d. Updating residential zoning districts and standards;
 - e. Consider reclassifying selected conditional uses;
 - f. Completion of Penn American District Plan;
 - g. Updating Chapter 8 of the City Code – Vehicles and Traffic;
 - h. Annual miscellaneous issues ordinance;
 - i. Neighborhood Renewal Plan; and
 - j. Master Plan for City Land in the Minnesota River Valley.
4. Reviewing and making recommendations on on-street parking Code revisions, as needed.
5. Reviewing and making recommendations on privately or City initiated rezoning and reguiding.
6. Reviewing and making recommendations on long range and alternative transportation issues as they arise.