

# Bloomington Planning Commission 2023 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 2.85.02):

- (a) Hold hearings, review applications, make recommendations, and, where applicable, act upon applications as set forth in the city code;
- (b) Review and make recommendations on variance and appeal applications where such review is required of the Planning Commission by the city code;
- (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;
- (e) Review and make recommendations on transportation issues including transportation planning, street extensions and modifications, street layout, on street parking, neighborhood traffic plans, transportation grant applications, transit systems, pedestrian ways, and bicycle traffic; and
- (f) Other duties as may be assigned by the City Council or by state law.

In 2023, in addition to continued training and review of land use and development applications, the Planning Commission will focus on the following special projects:

1. **Code Amendments:** Review and make recommendations on proposed City Code amendments. Potential Code amendments are listed below in rough priority order recognizing that not all may be completed in 2023 dependent on staffing levels and development activity.
  - a. Single family and two-family standards update (Planning Division);
  - b. Transitional Industrial Zoning District (Planning Division);
  - c. Sign Ordinance update (Planning Division);
  - d. Single Room Occupancy (SRO) standards (Planning Division & HRA);
  - e. Zoning Code reorganization (Ch. 19 to 21) (Planning Division);
  - f. Missing middle housing standards (Planning Division);
  - g. Short-term rental regulations (Planning Division lead; multiple departments);
  - h. RS-1 Zoning District amendment(s) (see Work Plan note 1) (Planning Division);
  - i. Review of environmental standards applicable to low density residential areas (see Work Plan note 1) (Planning Division); and
  - j. Annual miscellaneous issues ordinance (Planning Division).
2. **Plans & Special Projects:** Review and make recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan, District Plans, Small Area Plans and other studies or special projects. Potential plans and specific project in 2023 include:
  - a. Resilient Communities Projects ROI Analysis w/University of Minnesota (Planning lead; HRA and Special Projects support)
  - b. Metropolitan Council System Statement Response (Planning Division lead; multiple departments support);
  - c. Sanitary Sewer Funding Project (Planning Division lead; multiple departments support);

- d. South Loop AUAR Update (if necessary) (Planning Division lead; multiple departments support);
  - e. World Expo Support (Administration lead; Planning support);
  - f. Sustainable Building and Site Standards (in process) (PW-Sustainability lead; Planning support);
  - g. Environmental Justice/Impacts Mapping (in process) (PW-Sustainability lead; Planning support); and
  - h. Health-in-All policies (Public Health lead; Planning support).
3. **Rezoning & Reguiding:** Reviewing and making recommendations on privately or City initiated rezoning and reguiding. City-initiated rezoning stemming from the Lyndale Avenue Suburban Retrofit Plan identified in 2023 include the following:
- a. Transitional Industrial Rezoning along east side of Lyndale Avenue in between West 86<sup>th</sup> Street and West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street;
  - b. Other Lyndale Retrofit Rezoning (B-2 to B-4); and
  - c. RS-1 Zoning District Rezoning(s) (see Work Plan note 1).
4. **Ongoing Initiatives:** Reviewing and making recommendations on long range planning, equity initiatives, housing initiatives, redevelopment initiatives, sustainability initiatives, community engagement initiatives, public health initiatives and other issues as they arise. Also involves participation in workgroups and/or coordination of multi-agency projects. 2023 projects include:
- a. Commercial Node Redevelopment (Port Authority lead; Planning support);
  - b. Just Deeds Program Support (COED lead; Planning support); and
  - c. Equity Initiatives (OREIB lead; Planning support).
5. **Transportation and Transit:** Participate or support various transportation and transit studies led by Public Works/Engineering staff. Possible 2023 projects include:
- a. Transportation:
    - i. 98<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study
    - ii. Other Transportation/Corridor Studies
    - iii. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
    - iv. Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan
  - b. Bikes and Peds:
    - i. Active Transportation Plan (ATP) Update
  - c. Transit:
    - i. American Blvd Transitway Study
  - d. Street Layout:
    - i. Proactive Traffic Calming Projects
  - e. Regional Issues:
    - i. Riverview Corridor Planning Support

### **Work Plan Notes**

1. **Projects Added** – Three projects were added to the 2023 Planning Commission Work Plan via motion on June 5, 2023 by the City Council.
2. **Projects Deferred** – Two projects adopted as part of the original 2023 Planning Commission Work Plan were deferred via motion to the 2024 Planning Commission Work Plan by the City Council: South Loop District Plan Update and Pick-Up Window/Parking Standards.