

Bloomington Planning Commission 2018 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 and striping, 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 2018, 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 2018, potential Code amendments are listed below in rough priority order recognizing that not all may be completed in 2018 dependent on staffing levels and development activity.
 - a. Create standards for airport noise insulation (Planning Division);
 - b. Create standards for restaurants and food trucks (Planning Division);
 - c. Update industrial zoning districts and standards (Planning Division);
 - d. Create standards for electric vehicle charging stations (Planning Division);
 - e. Update standards and review process for recreational vehicles (Planning Division);
 - f. Update standards for small cell antennas and towers in the public right-of-way (Legal and Planning Division);
 - g. Update various code sections to further promote active transportation and healthy eating (Planning Division, Public Health, Environmental Health); and
 - h. Annual miscellaneous issues ordinance (Planning Division).
2. Reviewing and making recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan, District Plans, Small Area Plans and other special projects. 2018 projects will include:
 - a. Forward 2040, the 2018 Comprehensive Plan Update (Planning Division);
 - b. Station Area Plan around 98th Street and I-35W (Planning Division);
 - c. Natural and Cultural Resources Management Plan for the Minnesota River Valley (Planning Division, Parks, Public Works);
 - d. Master Trail Plan for the Minnesota River Valley - start (Planning Division, Parks, Public Works);

- e. Master Sign Plan for the Minnesota River Valley - start (Planning Division, Parks, Public Works); and
 - f. Research issues and impacts related to in-home transient lodging and other in-home sharing economy uses, and review standards used by other cities (Planning Division).
3. Reviewing and making recommendations on privately or City initiated rezoning and reguiding. 2018 projects will include:
- a. Rezoning to implement updated Industrial Zoning Districts (Planning Division); and
 - b. South Loop Rezoning (Phase 2), focused on properties initially proposed to be zoned Innovation and Technology (IT) (Planning Division).
4. Reviewing and making recommendations on long range planning and alternative transportation issues as they arise.