

INTRO

The Planning Commission evaluates land use applications for compliance with the standards and procedural requirements outlined within the Zoning Supplement to the City of Minot (Zoning Code) and North Dakota Century Code. Further, the Planning Commission is tasked to ensure development within the City of Minot aligns with the City of Minot 2012 Comprehensive Plan (Comprehensive Plan).¹

Planning Department staff are assigned to support the Planning Commission by reviewing applications for compliance with the Zoning Code and alignment with the Comprehensive Plan. Staff summarizes this information to the Planning Commission in the form of written staff reports and oral presentations which include a recommendation.

Planning Commission is not required to follow City staff recommendation. However, a deviation from staff's recommendation may require clarification to the findings of fact along with clearly stated reasoning for any alternative recommendation.

Finally, staff is not able to anticipate all information entered into the record via Planning Commissioner discussion or provided by the public during the open public comment period. Staff is available to answer any questions which may arise through discussion.

The Planning Commission renders a decision for variances that may be appealed to City Council. The Planning Commission provides recommendations to City Council for all other land use applications.

DECORUM

Persons attending public hearings are expected to conduct themselves with decorum to assure fairness and equity in the proceedings. Participants must:

- Step to the podium/microphone each time you wish to be recognized by the Planning Commission to offer a comment, or to ask or answer a question, and state your name for the record.
- Address all testimony, comments and questions to the Chair of the Commission and not the other participants, the applicant, or the staff. The Chair of the Commission will determine the appropriateness of all questions and when and where to direct them.
- Allow others in attendance an opportunity to present their testimony. Do not interrupt the proceedings with applause, heckling, outbursts or other disruptive behavior.
- Address the issues and application that are before the Commission. These proceedings are not the forum to discuss the appropriateness of particular land use policies, regulations, or alternatives.
- Please silence your phones or set them to vibrate at this time.

¹ Per N.D.C.C 40-48-09, the basic purpose of the plan:

...The plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the municipality and its environs, which, in accordance with present and future needs, best will promote the amenities of life, health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development, including adequate provision for light and air, distribution of population, good civic design and arrangement, wise and efficient expenditure of public funds, the adequate provision of public utilities and other public requirements, the improvement and control of architecture, and the general embellishment of the area under its jurisdiction.