

Planning Commission Members

Nine citizens serve, seven of whom live in the City and two who live within our three-mile jurisdiction outside the City limits. All serve without compensation for three-year terms as appointed by the Mayor with consent of the City Council:

CURRENT MEMBERS:

Dana Anderson—Chairperson

Alan Campbell—Vice-Chairperson

John Cochran—Commissioner

Margaret Horton—Commissioner

Terry DuPree—Commissioner

Larry Pacey—Commissioner

Diana Page—Commissioner

Sheri Baker—Commissioner

Kent Johnston—Commissioner

PROFESSIONAL STAFF:

Gus Collins —City Manager

Larry Mangan, P.E.—City Engineer

Steven Arebalo—Engineering Aide

Jamie Cornejo—Engineering Aide

Tracy Thomas—Executive Secretary

Purpose of the Planning Commission

Coordinated and harmonious community development that promotes health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity, general welfare, and wise and efficient expenditure of public funds.

Planning Commission Authority

Established by City ordinance under Kansas State law.

Planning Commission Responsibilities

Development of the City's comprehensive plan, subdivision and zoning regulations, review of City's Capital Improvement Plan, planned unit developments, and flood plain control. Requests for changes or deviations, especially in the City's zoning or subdivision regulations are often on our agenda.

Other Information

Our records are open to the public. The City Engineer's office is open during regular hours for access to any information regarding the planning process, minutes of our meetings, etc. Of course, you may contact any of the commissioners or staff members directly.

Thanks again for your participation.

Wellington Planning Commission

For more information, you may contact the City Engineer's Office at 620 326 3871 or visit us at the City Administration Building.

Website: www.cityofwellington.net

Welcome

to the

Wellington Planning Commission

Meeting

We appreciate your participation. Your concerns are important to us and any questions you have or comments you wish to make will be given full consideration in our hearings and deliberations.



How our meetings are conducted

As required by law, all meetings, except certain deliberation in executive session, are open to the public.

The meeting procedure follows Planning Commission by-laws and rules of order. Some actions such as adoption of or changes to the comprehensive plan or zoning regulations require a *public hearing* for which advanced notice is given. The hearing process is outlined in the next column. Other actions that do not require a public hearing are conducted in much the same way.

The request or proposal is first clarified if necessary.

The public hearing is opened.

Any member of the public may ask questions or make comments related to the proposal.

The applicant may respond to any comments.

Discussion continues until all parties have expressed their facts or opinions. (The Chairman may control the length of comments, or rule on their relevancy).

The professional staff states its recommendations.

Legal considerations and other planning guidelines are discussed.

The public hearing is closed.

Public or closed deliberation may be undertaken by the commission.

A motion to approve, deny, or take other action is made and a roll call vote is taken.

What Happens After we Make a Decision?

In most cases, the Planning Commission can only make recommendations to the City Council, where they can be adopted, overridden, or sent back to the Planning Commission. In lot splits, Planning Commission action is final. Adjacent property owners may file a protest to rezoning recommendations within 14 days of Planning Commission action.

Your Part in Planning Commission Meetings

Please feel free to speak your mind and ask questions about anything on the agenda or about the planning process. We endeavor to make our meetings fair and impartial, and to fully consider all aspects of each issue. To do this, we proceed in a professional and orderly manner according to our by-laws and rules of order. In making our decisions, we will be guided by the City's comprehensive plan; zoning, subdivision, and other regulations; and our best judgment in the interest of the applicants, others affected or concerned, and the needs of the community as a whole.