
CITY OF MOLINE PLAN COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 10, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

CANCELLED

Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 24, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Moline Plan Commission
FROM: Jeff Anderson, AICP, City Planner
DATE: August 3, 2018
SUBJECT: Zoning Committee Informational Update

Per Discussion at the Plan Commission's September 12 and September 26, 2018 meetings, a Zoning Committee has been established for the purpose of evaluating a list of item-specific Zoning Code issues. The intent of the evaluation of issues would be to bring forth, as warranted, amendments to the Zoning Code in an effort to continue to improve and evolve the overall functionality of the Zoning Code as a tool for implementing the community's development-related vision for the future of Moline as expressed through the City's various plans and policies.

As you may recall, Commissioners Nelson and Fitzsimmons agreed to serve on the Zoning Committee. An initial meeting of the Committee was held Friday, September 28. Planning and Development staff (Ray Forsythe, Jeff Anderson, and Chris Mathias) joined Commissioners Nelson and Fitzsimmons to begin a detailed and item-by-item review of the list of Zoning Code items provided to the Plan Commission by Alderman Wendt.

The Committee agreed that they would review how other communities treat these zoning issues within their respective Zoning Codes. In response, City staff have begun to collect Zoning Code information from neighboring communities such as Bettendorf and will be sharing the information with the Zoning Committee at their next meeting. It was also discussed that the City of Davenport is in the process of updating their Zoning Code and a meeting with Davenport planning staff has been scheduled to learn more about the Davenport Zoning Code update.

As a matter of final discussion at the Zoning Committee's September 28 meeting, the Committee acknowledged the interest and need to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. It was stated that \$200,000 has been included in the Planning & Development Department's 2019 budget request as one of two anticipated installments to update the City's Comprehensive Plan and conduct a development code review and update.

Those present confirmed the benefit of preparing flow chart materials to illustrate and explain the process of developing a comprehensive plan, the topics and themes covered within a comprehensive plan, and the concept that a primary purpose of the Comprehensive Plan includes guiding and informing the preparation of development-related codes, such as the Zoning Code. In turn, the Zoning Code and other development-related codes then serve the purpose of implementing the goals, objectives, and recommended actions contained within the plan. As such the committee affirmed the importance of keeping the Comprehensive Plan relevant and up to date and ensuring the same for the Zoning and Land Development Code.