



Department Details

Department name: Planning Commission

Type: Planning Commission

Meeting time: 1:30 PM

Meeting location: 5th Floor Conference Room

Primary contact: Matthew Ebinger

Description: The Planning Commission is responsible for the conduct of planning relating to the orderly growth and development of the City, including adequate and appropriate resources for the housing, business, industry, transportation, distribution, recreation, culture, comfort, convenience, health and welfare of its population. It is the duty of the Commission to make and adopt a Master Plan with accompanying maps and descriptive matter showing the Commission's recommendations for the development of the area covered by the Plan. In the preparation of such Plan, the Commission makes careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of existing conditions and future growth. The general purpose of the Plan is to guide and accomplish a coordinated and harmonious development of the City. When the Planning Commission adopts the Master Plan, it must be approved by City Council in order to be in effect. The Commission may undertake activities to promote the Master Plan and planning in the City. It is the duty of the Commission to prepare and submit to City Council a comprehensive zoning ordinance and zoning district maps. The Commission also makes a recommendation to City Council on Special Use Permits, Rezonings, Conditional Rezonings, and Conditional Use Permits at the request of property owners or developers. The Commission approves Community Unit Plan preliminary plans prior to introduction to Council. The Commission has the power to grant approval of Community Unit Plan final plans and tentative subdivisions. It is the duty and function of the Commission to preserve historical landmarks and to control the design and location of statuary and other works of art that may become the property of the City. Public projects such as bridges, streets and public buildings and facilities must receive "Location, Character and Extent" approval by the Commission. The closing or change in use of streets, the acquisition of land and the sale of any City owned land must also receive Commission approval. Should the Commission disapprove any such item, the Council may overrule the Commission action by a vote of not less than two-thirds of its entire membership. The Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program are presented to the Commission each year. The Commission may recommend to City Council such changes it deems appropriate based on the Budgets conformance with the City's Master Plan. Additional information about specific meeting dates, agendas, minutes, and membership is available by emailing DCDLandUseAdmin@richmondgov.com. You can also visit the Land Use Administration Division in room 511 of City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or call (804)646-6304.

Name	Title	Start Date	End Date
Rodney Poole	Chair	1/1/2016	12/31/2020
Melvin Law	Vice Chair	9/6/2013	12/14/2020

David Johannas Appointed By: City Council	Commissioner	7/23/2012	7/23/2021
Selena Cuffee-Glenn	Commissioner	5/18/2015	9/1/2020
Vivek G. Murthy	Commissioner	9/14/2015	12/31/2020
Max Hepp-Buchanan	Commissioner	3/11/2016	3/11/2019
John Thompson Appointed By: City Council	Commissioner	7/8/2016	7/8/2019
Elizabeth Hancock Greenfield	Commissioner	1/28/2019	1/27/2022