



Planning Commission Handbook

- [Rules and Procedures](#) - These are the agreed upon rules and expectations among members of Commission. In addition, regular attendance at Commission hearings, study sessions, community planning meetings and related events is expected. Active participation in meetings is highly encouraged, including taking on occasional parliamentary duties, and pursuing educational opportunities such as attending conferences and reading planning related books and periodicals.
- [Bob's Rules](#) - Planning Commission is not required to strictly adhere to Robert's Rules, but these rules are used as the basis upon which public hearings are structured.
- [Current Projects in Golden](#) - Updated information regarding current and recently approved projects can be found on this page.
- [Agendas and Minutes](#) – Upcoming meeting agendas and staff reports, along with historical meetings and minutes can be found on this page.

The Commission shall have general supervision of all planning for the development, expansion and growth of the City and shall, from time to time, prepare comprehensive long term plans for the growth and development of the City.

- [Land Use Case Summary Table](#) (types of cases that Commission reviews)

The Commission shall base their decisions for land use cases on compliance with requirements written in the City's [Municipal Code](#) and related Comprehensive Plan documents.

The most frequently referenced sections of the Municipal code:

- [Municipal Code Title 18](#)
 - [Site Development Regulations Ch. 18.40](#)
 - [Use and Density Regulations Ch. 18.28](#)
 - [Form Based Zoning Code Ch. 18.29](#)
 - [Special Use Permits Ch. 18.30](#)
 - [Parking Requirements Ch. 18.36](#)

Current Comprehensive Plan related documents:

- [Comprehensive and Neighborhood Plans](#) – Plans that establish the vision and values of the community.
 - [Golden Comprehensive Plan](#) (2011 updated 2017s)
 - [Golden Vision 2030](#) (2009)
 - [North Neighborhoods Plan](#) (2009)
 - [South Neighborhoods Plan](#) (2012)
 - [Central Neighborhoods Plan](#) (2012)
 - [East Downtown Neighborhood Plan](#) (2013)
 - [Golden Heights/Golden Hills Neighborhood Plan](#) (2014)
 - [South Golden Road Neighborhoods Plan](#) (2016)
 - [North Clear Creek Neighborhoods Plan](#) (2017)
 - [Downtown Character Plan](#) (2006)

Maps

- [JMaps](#) – County Assessor Map
- [Zoning map](#)
- [Trails Map](#)

Suggested Reading List – Some titles are available in the Planning office, library, E-book, or audio book format

- The Life and Death of Great American Cities, Jane Jacobs
- How Real Estate Developers Think, Peter Hendee Brown
- Visualizing Density, Julie Campoli and Alex S. MacLean
- Made for Walking, Julie Campoli
- The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America, Richard Rothstein
- Life Between Buildings: Using Public Space, Jan Gehl
- The Image of the City, Kevin Lynch
- Great Streets, Allan B. Jacobs
- The Social Life of Small Urban Spaces, William H. Whyte
- Place Making: Developing Town Centers, Main Streets, and Urban Villages, Charles C. Bohl
- The Regional City: Planning for the End of Sprawl, Peter Calthorpe and William Fulton
- Subscribe to citylab.com

Suggested Participation

- Conferences such as the APA Colorado Conference each October, or the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute (RMLUI) each March.
- Joint planning events with: Council, Jefferson County, Parks Board, Sustainability Board (CSAB), Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA), etc.
- Community events and planning meetings
- Prepare for hearings by reading the staff packet and visiting the proposed project site on an individual basis