

Bend Planning Commission Reference Guide

This document is a short introduction to the Planning Commission for Neighborhood Districts.

Mission and Scope

The Planning Commission is a volunteer organization that largely provides recommendations to the Bend City Council on amendments to the **Bend Comprehensive Plan** and the **Bend Development Code**. In those cases, the City Council makes the final decision. The Planning Commission does have the authority to make the final decision on some matters, such as requests for development in the **Waterway Overlay Zone** (WOZ, which are lands close to the Deschutes River).

Public Hearings

Typically, the Planning Commission meetings consist of public hearings for development within the Water Overlay Zone, Master Planned Developments and Bend Development Code updates.

The meeting agendas are posted to the Planning Commission page a week prior to each meeting and the agenda will contain instructions on how to participate remotely or in person, as well as links to the project files for any applications that are scheduled for hearing. You will also find links for the staff recommendation: <https://www.bendoregon.gov/government/committees/planning-commission>

When: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, unless specified.

Time: 5:30 p.m., unless specified.

Where: City Council Chambers

Bend City Hall

710 NW Wall Street

and online via Zoom

All meetings are open & accessible to the public



Resources related to Community Development*

*Not all subjects listed is within the scope and mission of the Planning Commission.

Application Process

Many resources related to Community Development and the Planning application process can be found in the reference guides for various types of development. These are mostly PDF files that can easily be printed out: <https://www.bendoregon.gov/services/development-permitting/community-development-resources-guides>

Water Overlay Zone (WOZ)

Information on the Waterway Overlay Zone under the “More Information” is found via the page link below, with a section about midway down the page. Those subsections expand with more links: <https://www.bendoregon.gov/government/departments/community-and-economic-development/planning-division>

Tree Preservation and Planter Strip Landscaping

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Housing in Bend

The page link below has jump off points from Bend’s Housing Department: housingdata.bendoregon.gov

Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

The page link below has information about the City TIF/Urban Renewal areas: <https://www.bendoregon.gov/government/committees/bend-urban-renewal-agency>

Transportation: Current and Planned Projects

Current and planned projects can be found here: <https://www.bendoregon.gov/services/city-projects>



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