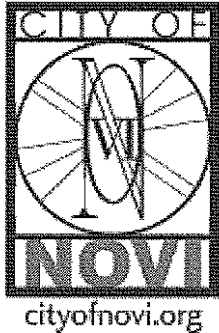


# MEMORANDUM



TO: Members of the Planning Commission  
FROM: Barbara <sup>Burb</sup>McBeth, AICP, Community Development  
SUBJECT: Appointments to Planning Commission Committees  
DATE: January 23, 2009

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As discussed at the Planning Commission meeting of January 14, 2009, there has been a change in Planning Commission membership, with Brian Burke moving to the City Council and Wayne Wrobel being appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. While it is not certain as to whether Member Wrobel will return to the Commission, there are several openings on various Committees, as identified on the attached 2008-2009 Planning Commission Committees Matrix.

Of particular interest to staff is the Master Plan and Zoning Committee, since meetings have been tentatively scheduled starting in February, and continuing twice per month, with the review of the Master Plan for Land Use underway at this time. The tentative meeting schedule is generally the first and third Thursday of each month, with meetings starting at 7 p.m. Please see the attached 2009 Meeting Calendar with these dates highlighted in purple and grey.

Additionally, we have learned from Member Larson, that he is not available for the Walkable Novi Committee meetings, which generally meet from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission meetings, the second Thursday of every other month. The Planning Commission may wish to consider modifying that appointment (to the Environmental Committee) to allow full attendance by the Commission members who serve with members of the City Council and the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Commission.

Finally, we note that the City Council has interviews scheduled for new members to serve on Boards and Commissions at the February 2, 2009 City Council meeting, with the expectation that the two vacancies on the Planning Commission may be filled at a subsequent Council meeting. The Planning Commission may wish to consider delaying certain appointments to Committees, until the full Planning Commission membership is available to serve.

As provided for in the Planning Commission *By-Laws and Rules of Procedure*, Planning Commission members are requested to provide a statement of interest to serve on a particular committee. Commission members may return the matrix with the selections of interest to the Community Development Department, and staff will prepare an update to the matrix.

Attached are the Planning Commission Committees Matrix, a brief description of each of the Planning Commission committees, and a 2009 meeting calendar with referenced meeting dates shown. An excerpt of the relevant sections of the Planning Commission *Rules* are attached for reference.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions.

# 2008-09 Planning Commission Committees Matrix

Member	Adminis- trative Liaison		Budget & Planning Studies		Capital Improve- ment		Communi- cation & Community Liaison		Environ- mental		Implemen- tation		Main Street		Master Plan & Zoning		Rules		Zoning Board of Appeals	
	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10
<b>Burke</b>			Open								Open				Open				Open	
<b>Cassis</b>											X						X			
<b>Greco</b>			X						X				X				X			
<b>Gutman</b>	X		X		X										X					
<b>Larson</b>									X				X				X			
<b>Lynch</b>					X				X						A					
<b>Meyer</b>								X			X				X					
<b>Pehrson</b>	X		X		A			X			X									
<b>Wrobel</b>	Open							Open							Open					
	Required	Vacant	Required	Vacant	Required	Vacant	Required	Vacant	Required	Vacant	Required	Vacant	Required	Vacant	Required	Vacant	Required	Vacant	Required	Vacant
<b>Committee Size</b>	3	1	4	1	2	0	3	1	3	0	4	0	2	0	4	2	3	0	1	1
<b>Liaison</b>	McBeth		McBeth		McBeth		Kapelanski		Spencer		Kapelanski		Pearson		Spencer		Kapelanski		Martin	

**KEY:**

X = Member; A = Alternate

Required: Committee size based on Planning Commission Rules

Vacant: Number of vacancies

## 2008-09 Planning Commission Committees

### **ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON** (3 members – Planning Commission Officers)

**Members:** Chair Pehrson, ~~Vice-Chair Wrobel~~, Secretary Gutman

**Staff Support:** Barbara McBeth

**Meeting Date:** Determined Upon Request or as needed basis

**Function:** Reviews procedures for requests/work assignments for staff and consultants from Planning Commission.

### **BUDGET AND PLANNING STUDIES** (4 members)

**Members:** Burke, Greco, Gutman, Pehrson

**Staff Support:** Barbara McBeth

**Meeting Date:** Winter, on as needed basis

**Function:** Reviews and provides input on the proposed Planning Commission budget and makes recommendation to the Planning Commission.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE** (2 PC Members and 2 CC Members)

**Members:** Gutman, Lynch, Pehrson (Alternate)

**Staff Support:** Barbara McBeth and  
Kathy Smith-Roy

**Meeting Date:** Winter

**Function:** Reviews and provides input on the three-to-five year schedule of major purchases and improvements to public infrastructure, roads, and buildings and makes recommendation to Planning Commission.

### **COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY LIAISON** (3 members)

**Members:** Meyer, Pehrson, ~~Wrobel~~

**Staff Support:** Kristen Kapelanski

**Meeting Date:** Determined Upon Request or as needed basis

**Function:** Provides information to public and organizations concerning planning, zoning, demographics, and general public information such as environmental questions, property data, public improvements and development activity. Expands communications with business community and maintains communications with CC, commissions, boards, and city administration.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE** (3 members)

**Members:** Greco, Larson, Lynch

**Staff Support:** Mark Spencer

**Meeting Date:** Determined Upon Request or as needed basis

**Function:** Reviews environmental issues such as pathways, soil erosion, storm water and flood control, and wetland and woodland ordinances.

### **IMPLEMENTATION** (4 members)

**Members:** Burke, Cassis, Meyer, Pehrson

**Staff Support:** Kristen Kapelanski

**Meeting Date:** Typically week between Planning Commission meetings.

**Function:** Reviews proposed zoning text amendments and ordinance amendments. Identifies areas of the zoning ordinance that need to be amended or updated.

### **MAIN STREET COMMITTEE** (2 members)

**Members:** Greco, Larson

**Staff Support:** Clay Pearson

**Meeting Date:** Determined Upon Request or as needed basis

**Function:** Citizen advisory committee for the Downtown Main Street Development.

### **MASTER PLAN AND ZONING COMMITTEE** (4 members, with 3 members having one year or more years of Commission service)

**Members:** Burke, Gutman, Meyer, ~~Wrobel~~, Lynch (Alternate)

**Staff Support:** Mark Spencer

**Meeting Date:** Once a month

**Function:** Reviews proposed rezoning and Master Plan amendments requests. Updates Master Plan.

### **RULES** (3 members - One year on Commission)

**Members:** Cassis, Greco, Larson

**Staff Support:** Kristen Kapelanski

**Meeting Date:** Determined Upon Request or as needed basis

**Function:** Reviews rules, regulations, procedures and bylaws for the Planning Commission.

### **ZBA** (1 member)

**Members:** Burke

**Staff Support:** Malinda Martin

**Meeting Date:** Typically first Tuesday of the month

**Function:** Provides the Planning Commission perspective for the ZBA's considerations.

# **NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION**

## **BY-LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE**

### **1. AUTHORITY**

These By-Laws and Rules of Procedure are adopted by the City of Novi, Oakland County, Planning Commission (hereinafter called the Planning Commission) pursuant to Public Act 285 of 1931, as amended, the Municipal Planning Act, MCL 125.31, et seq.; the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261 and Section 27-25 of the Novi Code of Ordinances.

### **2. OFFICERS/MEMBERS**

#### **2.1 Selection of Officers**

- (a) The offices of the Planning Commission shall consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary elected by the general membership of the Planning Commission.
- (b) The election of officers shall generally occur at the Planning Commission's first meeting in July or as otherwise determined necessary by the Planning Commission. A minimum of two-thirds of the current membership must be present for the election to take place.
- (c) Any member nominated for an office on the Planning Commission shall have served on the Planning Commission for at least eleven (11) months at the time of nomination. In the event that at least three members do not meet this requirement, the most senior member(s) with less than eleven (11) months service shall be eligible for nomination. Previous, non-consecutive service on the Planning Commission shall be considered when determining length of service.
- (d) Nominations of members for an office shall be from the floor by a current member of the Planning Commission during the meeting when elections are held.
- (e) All nominations shall be seconded by another member of the Planning Commission to be considered a valid nomination.
- (f) Nominees must accept or decline the nomination before each vote is taken. If a Planning Commission member is unable to attend the meeting to elect officers and would accept an officer position(s), a written letter of intent of acceptance for an office must be submitted to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting.

- (g) Each election shall be conducted by a roll call vote. If there is only one nominee for an office, that nominee shall be assumed to be unanimously elected.
- (h) To be elected to an office, a nominee must receive a majority of the votes of those present.
- (i) All terms of office shall be for one year or until the time of the next election of officers.
- (j) A member assuming an office prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year shall be considered to have served a full term at the time of the next election of officers.
- (k) A member of the Planning Commission may serve in the same office of the Planning Commission for any number of terms, but not more than two consecutive full terms.

## 2.2 Resignation of Officer

- (a) An officer may resign his/her office by submitting a letter to the Planning Commission addressed to the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, as appropriate.
- (b) The resignation from office will not become effective until accepted by the Planning Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting. A majority vote of the Commissioners present shall be required to accept a resignation. Resignation of office for the purposes of this Section 2.2 is not intended to mean resignation from the Planning Commission.

## 2.3 Duties of the Officers

- (a) The Chairperson shall:
  - 1) Preside at all meetings and conduct all meetings in accordance with the rules provided herein. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson or Secretary shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.
  - 2) Clearly state the issues before the Planning Commission.
  - 3) As appropriate, act as a liaison between the Planning Commission and the Community Development Department Staff, Consultants and other pertinent agencies or agents of the City of Novi, utilizing proper administrative/management chains of authority.
  - 4) Reserve his/her opinions on an issue until the other members of the Planning Commission, who so wish, have spoken on the issue.

- 5) Upon request by City Council or Zoning Board of Appeals, attend those meetings that include a Planning Commission issue. The Chairperson may delegate another Planning Commission member to attend.
  - 6) Set a reasonable agenda in consultation with the Community Development Department Deputy Director or his/her designee. A reasonable agenda, for purposes of this provision, is one designed to be completed prior to 11:30 PM. The Chairperson shall have the final approval on the agenda.
  - 7) Designate an acting secretary from the general membership as required.
- (b) The Vice Chairperson shall:
- 1) Act in the capacity of the Chairperson when the elected Chairperson is absent or otherwise unavailable.
  - 2) Assist the Chairperson in recognizing those who may wish to speak.
  - 3) Succeed to the office of Chairperson in the event of a vacancy in that office, in which case the Planning Commission shall elect a successor to the office of Vice Chairperson at the earliest practicable time.
- (c) The Secretary shall:
- 1) Act in the capacity of the Chairperson when the elected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are absent or otherwise unavailable.
  - 2) Designate an acting Secretary from the general membership while acting as Chairperson during Planning Commission Meetings.
  - 3) Summarize pertinent correspondence received by the Planning Commission concerning issues before the Planning Commission.
  - 4) Assist the Chairperson on time limitations as established in these By-laws.
  - 5) Coordinate Public Notices published by the Planning Commission with the Community Development Department.
  - 6) Be replaced, should a vacancy occur, by the election of a successor at the earliest practical time.

2.4 The Planning Commission Members:

- (a) Members shall not speak until recognized by the Chairperson.
- (b) Generally, members shall serve on at least two of the Planning Commission committees (or other committees requiring Planning Commission representation as they may be established) for a term of one year or until the next committee appointments are made. Appointment shall be by nomination and vote by Planning Commission members present. Appointment to committee membership shall occur at the next regularly scheduled meeting after the annual election of officers.
- (c) Members shall submit to the Planning Commission a statement of interest in serving on particular committees, on a form prepared by the Community Development Department. Members shall be eligible for reappointment to any committee provided the minimum requirements are met. Previous, non-consecutive service on the Planning Commission shall be considered when determining length of service.

**Planning Commission Committees:**

- 1) Administrative Liaison (Membership shall be the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary of the Planning Commission)
- 2) Implementation (4 members)
- 3) Master Plan and Zoning (4 members, a minimum of 3 members shall have served on the Planning Commission for at least eleven (11) months before appointment, when possible)
- 4) Planning Studies & Budget (4 members)
- 5) Rules (3 members, members must be on the Planning Commission for at least eleven (11) months before appointment, when possible)
- 6) Communications & Community Liaison (3 members)
- 7) Environmental (3 members)
- 8) Planning Commission Capital Improvements Program (3 members)

**City Committees:**

- 1) Main Street (2 members)
- 2) City Capital Improvements Program (2 members and 1 alternate)
- (d) Member(s) may be appointed to City or other committees, or act as liaisons to organizations, on an as needed basis.
- (e) Any committee member may designate (with approval of the designee) an alternate Planning Commissioner as his/her replacement at any committee meeting.

- (f) In the event of a Planning Commission vacancy that results in a committee vacancy, the appointment process shall follow 2.4.b. and 2.4.c.

### 3. MEETINGS

#### 3.1 Notices

- (a) Notices shall be posted at the Novi Civic Center according to the Open Meetings Act.
- (b) Notices shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting.
- (c) Changes in the date, time, or location of the meeting shall be posted and noticed as required.

#### 3.2 Regular Meetings

- (a) Regular Meetings of the Planning Commission shall be held at least once a month, generally on Wednesday evening in the Council Chambers.
- (b) When a Regular Meeting date falls on or near a legal holiday, the Planning Commission may select an alternate meeting date in the same month, to be noticed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

#### 3.3 Quorum

- (a) The presence of a majority of the Planning Commission shall constitute a quorum of the Planning Commission.
- (b) If a quorum is not present, the members of the Planning Commission shall take no action until the next Regular or Special Meeting, except recessing the meeting or adjourning the meeting.
- (c) All Public Hearings without a quorum shall be scheduled for the next Regular or Special Meeting.

#### 3.4 Public Hearings

- (a) Public Hearings shall be scheduled and due notice given in accordance with the provisions of the acts and ordinances cited in Section 1 of these By-laws and Rules of Procedure.
- (b) Except in extraordinary circumstances found to exist by the Planning Commission, no Public Hearings shall be held



## 2009 Meeting Calendar

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- Holidays
- City Council
- Planning Commission
- Parks Commission & Walkable Novi Committee
- City Council Budget
- ZBA
- Master Plan & Zoning Committee
- Additional Master Plan & Zoning Committee *if needed*