

City of Bessemer Planning Commission

2020 Annual Report

The City of Bessemer's Planning Commission is comprised of five members who meet monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 6:00 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 411 S Sophie. A typical meeting consists of review of the previous meetings minutes, public hearings, discussion of articles for training, and new or old business, any communications, and reports from staff regarding development or any programs the City is involved, and finally a call to the public, and member's comments.

Planning Commission members currently includes: Dave Osier (chair), Lou Miskovich (resigned, council representative), Kevin Nyquist, George Beninghaus, and Matt Hellman.

The commission didn't meet as much this year due to Covid-19. The commission assisted with adopting a small wireless communication facility ordinance, updated zoning, and updating the capital improvement plan and Master Plan

Each meeting started with a discussion of relevant articles to learn more various topics. Each member received training on the roles and responsibilities of Planning Commission members including the open meetings act.

Meeting dates and summaries

January 7th, 2020

The commission addressed the Small Wireless Communication Facilities and had a workshop to discuss zoning amendments.

February 4th, 2020

The commission hosted a public hearing on the Small Scale Wireless Facility Ordinance and recommended the council adopt it. The board was updated on the progress with the zoning updates.

March 3rd, 2020

The board had a public hearing on the zoning updates and recommended the council adopt them. The board also discussed the Capital Improvement Plan. The board also reviewed a checklist for site plan reviews.

May 5th, 2020

The board had a public hearing on the Capital Improvement Plan and adopted it. The group discussed how to assist with the coronavirus.

October 6th, 2020

The commission discussed the survey results for the Master Plan.