

City of Bessemer Planning Commission

2021 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), Terry Kryshak (council representative), Dominic Fabbri, George Beninghaus, and Matt Hellman.

The commission assisted with updating the capital improvement plan and adopting the Master Plan. They also assisted with a zoning change and reviewed and adopted a site plan for Kwik Trip.

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

February 2nd, 2021

The commission hosted a public hearing on the Michael Westeen and Jason Rommel zoning change request.

April 6th, 2021

The board discussed the Master Plan Survey and the Master Plan Land Use chapter.

May 4th, 2021

The board had a public hearing on the Capital Improvement Plan. The group discussed several chapters in the master plan.

June 1st, 2021

The board adopted the Capital Improvement Plan. The board discussed several Master Plan chapters and scheduled a public hearing on it.

July 7th, 2021

The board had a public hearing to review the Kwik Trip site plan. The board discussed the dashboard and accepted it. The board adopted the Kwik Trip Major Site Plan.

September 15th, 2021

The board held a public hearing for the Master Plan and adopted it.

November 2nd, 2021

The commission discussed the Right to Farm Act and agreed the zoning ordinance needs to be changed in regard to this. The commission was interested in allowing honey bee hives in residential areas as well. The board brainstormed next year and is interested in looking into the Capital Improvement Plan, monitor short term rentals, create a road plan, create a plan for city hall, and update zoning pertaining to food as well as whatever other topics arise.