



# Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

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## Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Meyers.

## Roll Call

A quorum in attendance consisted of Anfinson, Hajewski, Meyers, Albright, and Finkler. Staff liaison Kornmann and Bennett along with City Clerk Caine were present.

## Notice of Open Meeting

Kornmann acknowledged that the meeting was posted according to law.

## Approval of Agenda

Finkler motioned to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Anfinson. There was no discussion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## Approval of Minutes

1. Approve minutes from previous meeting

Finkler motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 14, 2026, as presented; Hajewski seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

## Regular Business

2. Swearing in of committee members - City Clerk

Clerk Caine swore in Anfinson, Hajewski, Meyers, and Albright as appointments to the Plan Commission.

3. Public Comments (3 minute limit per person)

There were no members of the public present for comment. Kornmann noted that public comment provides opportunities for the public to address the zoning code rewrite.

4. Consider and take action regarding the updating of the city's comprehensive plan

Kornmann presented the connection between updating the City's Comprehensive Plan with funding from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) loan program. The program provides low interest loans, but the municipality has to update its housing chapter of the comprehensive plan every five years and policies to reduce costs to housing development. Kornmann noted there was a previous inquiry into the program, but it wasn't used.

Kornmann highlighted that the City needs to adopt a public participation plan as well.

There was discussion about the program along with updating the comprehensive plan. It was noted the plan will be updated by staff instead of contracted out. The housing portion would be updated in 2026, while land use and possibly other chapters would be updated in 2027. These updates will allow developers to qualify for WHEDA loan funding.

Finkler motioned to approve proceeding to update the comprehensive plan with the emphasis on the housing chapter; seconded by Albright. There was no additional discussion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

5. Consider and take action regarding the public participation plan for amending the City's comprehensive plan

Kornmann presented a proposed participation plan regarding the updating of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The plan highlights social media posts, a dedicated web page for updates, and an online survey. Additionally, Kornmann noted the use of public comments at Plan Commission meetings as another tool for input. The goal of the participation plan is to allow for public input at the beginning of the process.

There was additional discussion regarding the potential survey that included length and promotion.

There was discussion about possibly having focus groups to be included in the participation plan that included what theme each focus group would encompass and who would be potential participants. The commission discussed having two focus groups with one consisting of multi-family property owners and managers and the other group consisting of renters and homeowners. The focus groups could be added to the participation plan pending five to nine participants each. Participation could be promoted by direct asking for multi-family housing owners, managers, and developers along with a general ask of renters and single-family homeowners.

Finkler motions to approve the public participation plan with a note to include two focus groups - one for multi-family property owners, managers, and/or developers, with the other group for homeowners, to be 5 -9 participants. If the focus groups cannot achieve the 5 - 9 participants, then there would be no focus groups. Albright seconded the motion. Hajewski would like the motion amended from homeowners to residents in order to include renters. The new term broadens the group.

Finkler amends the motion to change the term homeowner to resident. Albright seconds the amended motion. There was no additional discussion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The approved public participation plan will be presented to the Council at its June 16th meeting. Staff will draft a survey for review at the next Plan Commission meeting.

6. Future agenda items

Kornmann noted that the survey draft, zoning rewrite featuring a draft zoning map, and Tower Drive Certified Survey Map are slated for the next meeting. Meyers would like updates to various projects around the city. The Commission highlighted the Council Recap email list, with Kornmann offering to share the Community and Economic Development department report that's also shared with CDA and Council.

No additional items were added for future agendas.

**Adjourn**

Hajewski motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Anfinson. There was no discussion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

\*\* These minutes will be approved at a future meeting and may be amended. These minutes are respectfully submitted by David Bennett, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator \*\*