

**City of Westwood, Kansas
Planning Commission Meeting
4700 Rainbow Boulevard
November 4, 2024 – 7:00 PM**

Commissioners Present: Kevin Breer, Vice Chair (attended via Zoom)
Clay Fulghum
Ann Holliday
Samantha Kaiser
Emily Keyser
Mark Neibling
Sarah Page, Chair
Matt Prout

Commissioners Absent: David Kelman

Staff Present: Leslie Herring, City Administrator

Call to Order

Chair Page called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on November 4, 2024.

Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Chair Page called for modifications or discussion of the November 4, 2024 meeting agenda or August 5, 2024 meeting minutes or a motion for approval. Commissioner Prout moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Neibling seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Fulghum moved to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Neibling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearings

None.

Presentations

Independent Study Topic Presentation: Pedestrian-friendliness, traffic calming, lowering speed limits (Commissioner Kaiser and Chair Page)

The Planning Commission received a presentation from Commissioners Kaiser, with support from Chair Page. The presentation is included as an attachment to these meeting minutes. Planning Commissioners engaged in dialogue throughout the presentation.

The Planning Commission achieved consensus to direct City staff to explore the technical aspects of adding a new pedestrian crossing (with signage, paint, and needed ramp modifications) to Belinder Ave. at 51st Ter. and 47th Ter. as well as to explore the technical aspects of experimenting with paint-only pinch points on certain residential streets based upon the recommendations in Commissioner Kaiser's presentation slides.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Consideration 2025 Application and Review Schedule

Chair Page asked that City Administrator Herring provide the staff report. City Administrator Herring presented the staff report included in the meeting packet.

Motion made by Commissioner Neibling to approve the 2025 Application and Review Schedule. Commissioner Fulghum seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

City Administrator Report – Leslie Herring

Herring shared an update on the following topics:

- RFQ for redevelopment of 4700 Rainbow Blvd. was issued and is now active
- Redevelopment at 50th & Rainbow Blvd.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Neibling to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Holliday. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Upcoming Items

- A. December Public Hearing: WE-2024-04: Application of Christopher Castrop, on behalf of Rick and Helen Ackmann, for a waiver/exception from Westwood Zoning Ordinance Article No. 4.3.2(D) to allow a primary structure to have less than 60% of its front façade on the front build-to line, 4.3.2(J)4.c to allow the maximum lot width coverage at the front yard setback to exceed 70%, and 4.3.2.(C) to allow lot coverage in excess of that allowable for a proposed new single family residence on property located at 2023 W. 48th St., Westwood, Kansas 66205
- B. December Public Hearing: Consideration of recommendations to the City Council for text amendments to the Westwood Zoning Ordinance

APPROVED: _____
Sarah Page, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Leslie Herring, Secretary