

**City of Westwood, Kansas
Planning Commission Meeting
4700 Rainbow Boulevard
February 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM**

Commissioners Present: Clay Fulghum, Vice Chair
Ann Holliday
Samantha Kaiser
David Kelman
Emily Keyser
Chris Ledin
Scott McCracken
Mark Neibling (via Zoom)
Sarah Page, Chair

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Leslie Herring, City Administrator
John Sullivan, Public Works Director
Kathryn Dumovich, City Attorney for Planning Commission

Call to Order

Chair Sarah Page called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on February 2, 2026.

Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

Chair Page called for modifications or discussion of the February 2, 2026 Planning Commission meeting agenda and November 3, 2025 meeting minutes or a motion for approval. Commissioner Kelman moved to approve the agenda and meeting minutes. Commissioner Ledin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearings

None.

Presentations

Practical Road Safety Assessment, Leslie Herring, City Administrator

Herring presented the background, approach, findings, and recommendations of the Practical Road Safety Assessment conducted with the Kansas Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) through the University of Kansas Transportation Center in 2025. The on-site assessment was conducted on September 8, 2025, with preliminary work conducted throughout the spring and summer.

Those present at the meeting who participated in the assessment were Commissioners Page and Kaiser, Public Works Director Sullivan, and Herring. Discussion took place throughout the course of the presentation and centered on feelings of safety at intersections, on-street parking, pedestrian improvements, and sidewalk connections. The Planning Commission requested a follow-up presentation to continue the discussion, specifically with interest in the Safe Routes to School Program. Herring volunteered to secure a guest speaker to present at an upcoming meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Discuss 2026 Planning Commission Work Plan

Page led a discussion of what topics Planning Commissioners may be interested in educating themselves about through guest presenters throughout the year. Specifically, Herring and Page were directed to invite speakers to future meetings on the following topics:

- Safe Routes to School program
- BikeWalkKC
- MARC re: regional outlook
- UCS of Johnson County re: County human-centered initiatives and demographic trends
- Residential housing guidelines adopted by Overland Park aimed at improving affordability of new construction houses
- How the Planning Commission could learn about and support relationships between the City and Westwood businesses
- Abby Newsham, Small Developers of Kansas City and thought trends in national and regional redevelopment

Page encouraged staff to promote the dates secured for these guest speakers to the general community and Planning Commissions in other cities. Herring will begin lining out the year with guest speakers.

Announcements/Planning Commissioner Comments

None.

Staff Reports

Administrative Report (City Administrator Leslie Herring)

Herring provided an update on the following topics:

- City Administrator transition (Herring's last day with the City will be March 12th, recruitment and selection process will begin this week and run through the remainder of the month)
- World Cup planning or issue-spotting related to Westwood
- Hunt Midwest residential project status update

Public Works Report (Public Works Director John Sullivan)

Sullivan provided an update on the relocation of the outdoor emergency warning siren from the former to the new Westwood View Elementary School property.

Adjournment

Page thanked Commissioner Kaiser for her service to the Planning Commission, acknowledging that this is her final day of service.

Motion by Commissioner Fulghum to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Neibling. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

APPROVED: _____
Sarah Page, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Leslie Herring, Secretary

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