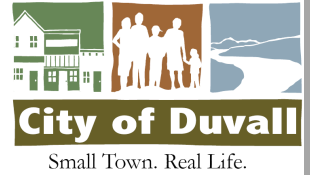


PLANNING COMMISSION

This bulletin briefly highlights the City's Planning Commission.

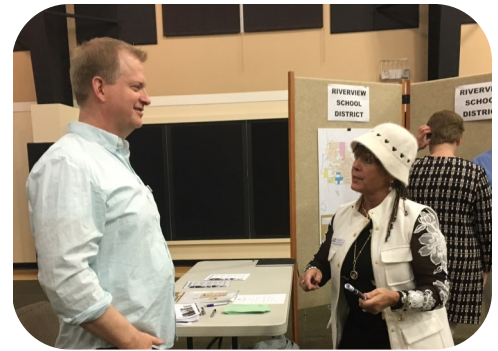


What does a planning commissioner do?

- ▶ The Planning Commission makes recommendations on development applications, comprehensive plan updates and amendments, design reviews, annexation petitions, long range planning documents, rezones, amendments to the Unified Development Regulations, and development agreements. Staff then passes these recommendations on to City Council for approval.
- ▶ Planning commissioners may also serve on advisory committees, such as the Comprehensive Plan Update, Sensitive Areas and Tree Protection Regulations, and Surface and Stormwater Plan Update committees.

Why be a planning commissioner?

- ▶ The Planning Commission is often a first step into public service. Four of our current city councilmembers have served on the planning commission.
- ▶ Planning commissioners receive compensation for their attendance: \$25 for each regular meeting that they attend, and \$25 for each special meeting up to three times per calendar year.
- ▶ Planning commissioners are essential for providing guidance to staff and City Council, managing growth, ensuring development follows the City's goals and policies, and building a strong, stable, and vibrant community.



Am I qualified to be a planning commissioner?

- ▶ Planning commissioners must be: residents inside the Duvall city limits, residents inside the Urban Growth Areas, or business owners inside city limits.
- ▶ Our planning commissioners come from a variety of backgrounds. Tech employees, members of the housing industry, longtime residents, newcomers, retirees, local business owners, and stay-at-home parents have held seats on the commission. You do not need a background in planning or government to serve as a planning commissioner.



What kind of time commitment is involved?

- ▶ Planning commission meetings occur every second and fourth Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:00 pm. Meetings can run anywhere from a half hour to three hours, though the majority of them end by 9:00 pm. Commissioners may be asked to attend joint workshops with City Council, community open houses, or town halls outside the regular meeting schedule.
 - ▶ Before each meeting, planning commissioners are provided with a packet of information so they may make an informed decision regarding their recommendations to City Council. Commissioners are expected to read through their packets prior to the meeting.
- ▶ Planning commissioners serve four-year terms.

To find out more, please visit <http://www.duvallwa.gov/176/Planning-Commission>.

