



Minnehaha County Planning & Zoning is now on Facebook!

The Minnehaha County Planning Department has set up a Facebook page as another way to communicate and engage with residents, business owners, and contractors about educational and information topics in the administration of the zoning ordinance. The social media site provides an opportunity for sharing & discussing information about relevant programs and activities. We encourage members of the public to submit their questions, comments, and concerns, but please note that this Planning Department social media channel is a moderated online discussion site, not a public forum.

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Staff Announcements

The Minnehaha County Board of County Commissioners are now accepting applications for two vacancies on the Minnehaha County Planning Commission. The appointments will be made during one of the regularly scheduled County Commission meetings in January 2020. We thank both Doug Ode and Ryan VanDerVliet for their service on the County Planning Commission the last few years and look forward to meeting the new appointments to the Planning Commission for 2020 to 2024!

Click [here](#) for more information on how to submit your information. You can find more information about serving on the planning commission at the following link: <https://www.minnehahacounty.org/dept/pl/planningCommission/planningCommission.php>

The Minnehaha County Planning Department welcomes Kyle Vande Weerd, GIS Analyst, during the month of November! Please join us in welcoming Kyle in his new role on our GIS team.

From all of us in the Planning & Zoning Department, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Planning Commission

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
No December Meeting	
Jan. 27	(Dec. 27)
Feb. 24	(Jan. 31)
Mar. 23	(Feb. 28)
Apr. 27	(Mar. 27)
May 18	(Apr. 24)
June 22	(May 29)
July 27	(Jun. 26)
Aug. 24	(Jul. 31)
Sept. 28	(Aug. 28)
Oct. 26	(Oct. 2)
Nov. 23	(Oct. 30)

Staff News

The South Dakota Planners Association hosts an annual conference bringing together planners, administrators, planning commissioners, and consultants for an opportunity to learn from each other in different areas of the state on October 16-17, 2019. Barry Dunn, President of South Dakota State University, Keith Corbett, Mayor of Brookings, and Mike Bartley, Brookings County Commission Chair presented how some cooperative efforts across each governmental entity are providing value to the public. The presentation began with an explanation of the quarterly strategic meetings that are held with the City, County, and School leaders. The theme of the presentation dealt with open and honest communication and relationships among key stakeholders. For example, SDSU goes to the City as well as the County with plans and questions for projects. The Brookings Area Transportation Authority SafeRides program is one example of the City, County, and Schools working together financially to fund a needed service to students and area residents.

The keynote address was followed by two breakout sessions on planner and developer relations as well as an interactive group discussion on growth management strategies. The growth management session began with a presentation on the Density Zoning Ordinance in Minnehaha County and focused on providing county planners with strategies to keep it rural in their jurisdiction while managing housing density as well as economic development.

Scott Harmstead, SRF Consulting Group, provided a review of a few recent land development regulation projects SRF worked on around the region. Scott explained the process currently being developed for the City of Fargo, North Dakota in coordination with Lisa Wise Consulting, Inc. using a more in-depth analysis of the existing land development codes. The presentation ended with a group activity identifying successes in development regulations, challenges in the regulations, and how to move forward in addressing some of these issues. SDPA members and conference attendees are grateful for Scott travelling from Bismarck, North Dakota for his presentation as well as attendance at the 2019 SDPA Annual Conference.

Jeremiah Bergstrom, South Dakota State University Instructor of Landscape Architecture, presented on a history of watershed management and several case studies of community-based water resources management. Jeremiah explained the need to deal with stormwater runoff at the source for effective management strategies and allow the landscape to function as it was designed to do prior to development practices. He discussed that we need to know our watershed partners as well as what's connected versus disconnected water infrastructure. The presentation included a discussion about precipitation patterns in South Dakota, which tended to be wetter in the past year. The best way to take on watershed issues is to find the person who has the respect to listen and be listened to by the larger group. Jeremiah was very thoughtful in his approach to educating and engaging the conference attendees about stormwater management best practices in various climate contexts.

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Building Activity Report (Third Quarter 2019)

Building Activity

Minnehaha County

Unincorporated Area

January-November

2019		2018	
Permits Issued	Construction Value	Permits Issued	Construction Value
456	\$32,920,957.00	631	\$42,571,181.00
(thousands \$)		(thousands \$)	
Residential		Residential	
New (36)	\$9,245.0	New (39)	\$11,136.8
Adds, remodel, acc., replacement (348)	\$12,766.7	Adds, remodel, acc., replacement (480)	\$18,466.2
Commercial /Industrial (49)	\$5,542.8	Commercial /Industrial (54)	\$7,345.4
Agricultural (23)	\$5,366.4	Agricultural (53)	\$5,622.7
Total	\$32,920.9	Total	\$42,571.1
New dwellings		New dwellings	
Mobile homes	0	Mobile homes	0
Total	36	Total	39

() denotes number of permits YTD

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, 2007-2019

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Single-family units	53	37	34	26	25	28	48	30	39	54	36	41	35
Single-family (moved on)	1	2	1		0	1		2		2			1
Manufactured homes	1	1		1	0		1	0		1	1	1	
Mobile homes		1			0								
Replacement units	15	29	15	12	21	14	22	18	22	15	19	19	12
Total	70	70	50	39	46	43	71	50	61	72	56	61	48

* to date

Net increase 2006-2017 (excluding replacement units) = 332 housing units
 Annual average = 25.54 housing units

Source: Minnehaha County Planning Department

Commissioners

Bonnie Duffy, Chair **Vacant (TBD)**
2017-2021 2020-2024

**Becky Randall,
Vice Chair** **Vacant (TBD)**
2018-2022 2020-2024

Jeff Barth **Adam Mohrhauser**
County Commission 2018-2022
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by March 31, 2019. More news to come!**