



Bellevue Planning Commission

ATTACHMENT 3

Planning Commission Guiding Principles – Consolidated Version

Our city motto is: “Bellevue welcomes the world, our diversity is our strength”. That strength is magnified by respecting our past, appreciating our present and embracing our future.

The Planning Commission serves our city through land use and zoning recommendations to our elected councilmembers that will grow the economy while preserving the vitality and vibrancy of Bellevue’s neighborhoods. These recommendations come after listening to fellow commissioners, presentations from staff and the community, as well as studying reports prepared by staff.

The Planning Commission takes its direction from the City Council, and works in conjunction with staff, which answers requests in a timely and professional manner, and prepares packet materials to drive policy discussion.

Our recommendations directly affect people’s lives. This means members must be willing to challenge underlying assumptions, to have courageous, candid conversations about the changes in our community and how they affect land use and zoning policies for longtime residents and newcomers alike. Listening with an open mind, encouraging transparent, respectful discussion and appreciating the contributions of others is vital to the success of our work.

The Planning Commission seeks excellence, but does not allow the perfect to become the enemy of the good. All views will be heard and considered. Though our views may differ, our work is driven by our shared concern for doing what is best for Bellevue.

The Planning Commission will receive updates on the status of its recommendations to the City Council by staff. The Commission Chair or designee will report to Council with staff designee where there is potential for differences of opinion. The Commission acts in a collegial rather than adversarial manner, resolving disagreements with a commitment to appreciating the contributions and diverse perspectives of others.