



CITY OF WESTWOOD, KANSAS

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

4700 RAINBOW BLVD. WESTWOOD, KS 66205

Monday, March 02, 2026 at 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Welcome to your Westwood Planning Commission meeting. This meeting may be attended remotely via Zoom:

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Administer the Affirmation of Office to David Kelman and Sarah Page and Oath of Office to Dylan Long

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES

- A. Consider approving the March 2, 2026 Planning Commission meeting agenda
- B. Consider approving the February 2, 2026 Planning Commission meeting minutes

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Safe Routes to School program overview (Laura Fox, Safe Routes Partnership Technical Assistance Manager)

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Administrative Report (City Administrator Leslie Herring)
- B. Public Works Report (Public Works Director John Sullivan)

IX. UPCOMING ITEMS

- A. Annual joint work session between Planning Commission and Governing Body - Date TBD
- B. Annual legalities training (April 6, 2026)
- C. MARC regional initiatives overview (Ashley Hand, MARC Director of Local Government Services) (April 6, 2026)
- D. Election of officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary) (May 4, 2026)
- E. Annual review of the Planning Commission bylaws (June 1, 2026)

X. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Westwood Planning Commission are held at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of each month. The next regular meeting of the Westwood Planning Commission will be held Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM at Westwood City Hall or virtually, depending on current public health protocols in place. The City Calendar may be accessed at www.westwoodks.org. To receive further updates and communications, please see or sign up for the following:

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**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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Safe Routes to School

An Introduction

The History

- Movement began in the 1970's, Odense, Denmark
- First SRTS program in US: 1997, Bronx, NY
- 2000, 2 pilot SRTS projects funded by NHTSA
- 2005, Congress created the federal SRTS Program
- 2012, SRTS + other AT programs combined into TAP funding



The 6 E's

- Engagement
- Equity
- Education
- Encouragement
- Engineering
- Evaluation

Resources

- **BikeWalkKC**
 - Redefining our streets as places for people to build a culture of active living
- **KDOT SRTS**
 - Kansas students and their families of all backgrounds and abilities can walk, bike and roll to school and in their communities safely, comfortably, and enjoyably.
- **Safe Routes Partnership**
 - The mission of the Safe Routes Partnership is to advance safe walking and rolling to and from schools and in everyday life, improving the health and well-being of people of all races, income levels, and abilities, and building healthy, thriving communities for everyone.



Thank you

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