

HIGHLAND PLAN COMMISSION  
Study Session Minutes  
January 7, 2026

Study Session began at 6:30 P.M.

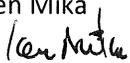
In attendance were: Commissioners Kisse, Neal, Severson, Smith, Wright and Zemen. Also in attendance were Ken Mika, Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator, Plan Commission Attorney John Reed, Plan Commission Engineer Derek Snyder. Commissioner Turich was absent.

Those in attendance were briefed by Attorney Reed in reference to the reason for the proposed change to the "Short-Term rental housing" definition in the Zoning Ordinance. It was pointed out that the original draft was incorrect, and Attorney Reed was to make the modification(s) and get them back to everyone. The process of changing the Zoning Ordinance was explained, and it was hoped that we could start in February.

Those in attendance met with Phil Roth who is the senior planner for Structure Point. He has been working with the Redevelopment Commission in putting together a new Comprehensive Plan for the Town. Mr. Roth explained the reason for the Plan and outlined the various components of the plan. It was explained that they are waiting for information from a separate undertaking from a Redevelopment Plan to incorporate into the Comprehensive Plan. During the presentation the Commission questioned the identification of areas on the Land Use Policy Maps as "Vulnerable Areas". The rationale was explained but Mr. Roth was informed that those areas are the oldest areas in Town and as far as infrastructure improvements, there had been those improvements made within recent years. He stated that they may want to re-look at those areas and make modifications. It was stated that the revised draft will be provided after tomorrow evenings Steering Committee meeting. It probably will not go before the Plan Commission until March.

Those in attendance briefly discussed appointments for Plan Commission officers for 2026. It was decided that they would keep things as they were in 2025 in addition to Plan Commission Attorney, Engineer and Recording Secretary.

Study Session ended at 7:25 P.M.

Ken Mika  
  
Building Commissioner / Zoning Administrator