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The Comprehensive Plan and You: The role of a planning commissioner or other board member.

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Introductions

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Who is in the room?:

Planning Commissioners?

County?

Municipal?

Board of Appeals Members?

Elected Official?

Planners?

Other Government Employees?

State?

Local Government?



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Comprehensive Plan vs Zoning Ordinance

- ▶ We all know what a comprehensive plan is.
- ▶ And we are familiar with what a zoning ordinance is.
- ▶ We know the function of each.

- ▶ **RIGHT!** 

Having a vision...



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Implementing it!!!!



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Your Comprehensive Plan

- ▶ PC Members should be familiar with their present comprehensive plan.
 - A community's comprehensive plan summarizes the community's long-term vision for growth, preservation or change.
 - Actions that a PC member takes should be with the comp plan and its goals and objectives in mind.



What does your community hold dear?



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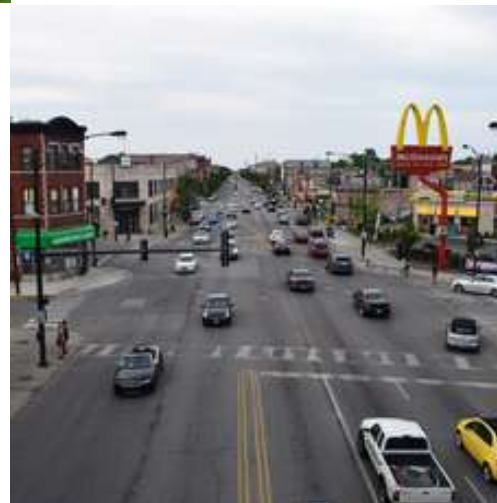
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What doesn't your community want?



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▶ What stage in the Comprehensive Plan Update Process is Your Community?



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Updating the Comprehensive Plan

- ▶ Updating the comprehensive plan requires the PC to become engaged, to reach out and learn about residents' concerns and find out about issues that are important to them.

Who prepares the comprehensive plan in your jurisdiction?

How does that change the knowledge the PC has regarding the actual Plan?



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Updating the Comprehensive Plan

- ▶ Given things you are learning today, are there changes or different things you might like to try in the future?
- ▶ Is there anything else you would like to know from other planning commissions about how they plan in their communities?
- ▶ THANKS FOR COMING



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