

**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

**ROLL CALL**

The Planning Commission of the City of Prairie Village met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 7700 Mission Road. Chair Greg Wolf called the meeting to order with the following members present: Jonathan Birkel, David Herron, James Kersten, Melissa Brown, and Jeffrey Valentino.

The following individuals were present in their advisory capacity to the planning commission: Chris Brewster, Multistudio; Nickie Lee, Deputy City Administrator; Mitch Dringman, Building Official; Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director; Melissa Prenger, City Engineer; Adam Geffert, City Clerk/Planning Commission Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Birkel made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2025, regular planning commission meeting as presented. Mr. Valentino seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**NON-PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

**Ms. Brown made a motion to elect the following officers:**

- Mr. Wolf, Chair
- Mr. Valentino, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Geffert, Secretary

Mr. Birkel seconded the motion, which passed 4-0, with Mr. Wolf and Mr. Valentino in abstention.

Continued discussion of 2026 action plan

Ms. Lee said that the planning commission should review the comprehensive plan on at least an annual basis. Since the adoption of Village Vision 2.0, the planning commission and city council had explored several action items from the plan, mostly focusing on housing-related items.

At its December 2, 2025, meeting, the planning commission discussed several items in the action plan that related to public spaces and streetscape, which are highlighted the following specific “quality public space” implementation strategies addressing streets:

- Create context-appropriate street designs that support adjacent land uses and multimodal access from surroundings. (Also, a reverence to the conceptual street types in Public Space Policy Plan: neighborhood, neighborhood connector, parkway connector, thoroughfare, village connector, activity street)
- Continue to implement recommendations of the adopted bike-ped plan (2018)
- Create a citywide complete streets framework to ensure multi-modal access options throughout the community
- Reinforce slow travel speeds in neighborhoods through design of narrow travel lanes, on-street parking, street trees, and other necessary pedestrian facilities and amenities
- Design streets that support activity centers by encouraging safe pedestrian activity and connectivity for adjacent neighborhoods, including on-street parking, transit stops, wide sidewalks, bike facilities, and pedestrian

Mr. Bredehoeft and Ms. Prenger gave a presentation focused on items included in the public space policy plan and the Village Vision 2.0 comprehensive plan, and the strategies for achieving them. Additionally, previous projects completed by the public works department that accomplished the goals laid out in the plans were shared.

Mr. Valentino said that some “parkway connector” streets, such as Somerset Drive between State Line and Mission Road, needed aesthetic improvements and methods to reduce vehicle speed. Ms. Brown added that she felt areas with lower home values often had less pleasing streetscapes.

Mr. Kersten asked whether public works reviewed projects after they had been completed to measure results. Mr. Bredehoeft said that data was reviewed for traffic calming projects to determine what impact the measures had. Mr. Kersten also asked whether walkability and safety around schools was a major focus. Mr. Bredehoeft said that it was, and that

public works was currently working on a project to improve safety around Corinth Elementary School at 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and Mission Road.

Mr. Birkel suggested that a reduction of 75<sup>th</sup> Street from four lanes to three lanes would help reduce traffic speed and provide a better environment for bicycles, street trees, and larger sidewalk amenities, which could encourage reinvestment in the corridor. Mr. Valentino added that he would like to see a lane reduction on Mission Road as well.

Ms. Prenger noted that 75<sup>th</sup> Street reconstruction would likely take place in 2028, so public works staff could gauge the city council's interest in reducing the road to three lanes when the budget for the project was presented.

Mr. Valentino requested that staff develop a document focusing on the following issues and bring it back to the planning commission for further discussion, and potentially future consideration by the city council:

- Evaluate parkway connectors and address areas that need improvement
- Improve the pedestrian experience on 75<sup>th</sup> Street
- Address speed issues and improve sidewalks on Mission Road

Ms. Brown added that consideration be given to crosswalks on 75<sup>th</sup> Street to allow residents to safely cross.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the commission, Mr. Wolf adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Adam Geffert  
City Clerk/Planning Commission Secretary