



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Planning Commission

Thursday, February 19, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Kuhlmann called the meeting to order at 6:44pm.

Present 7 - Commissioner Buckheit, Commissioner Nowak, Commissioner Holleran, Commissioner Schmidt, Commissioner Schroeer, Commissioner Kuhlmann, and Commissioner Lauer

Also present: City Planner Mikayla Schmidt, Associate City Planner Mathias Hughey, Community Development Director Scott Wopata, Administrative Associate Kari Bonde. Youth rep: Abby Pape.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Buckheit, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Buckheit, Commissioner Nowak, Commissioner Holleran, Commissioner Schmidt, Commissioner Schroeer, Commissioner Kuhlmann, and Commissioner Lauer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [26-082](#) January 15, 2026 PC Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [01-15-2026 PC Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Schroeer, seconded by Commissioner Buckheit, to approve the January 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Buckheit, Commissioner Nowak, Commissioner Holleran, Commissioner Schmidt, Commissioner Schroeer, Commissioner Kuhlmann, and Commissioner Lauer

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Council Member Holmes gave an update from City Council. Council passed a resolution to MN DOT for passing safety solutions for Hwy 3 crossing, Zoning Map Amendment passed for 304 2nd St. W., Council looked at sustainability policy at the last meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 2. [26-083](#) Discussion on Proposed Text Amendments to 5.2.6 Parks, Trails, and Open Space Dedication in Chapter 34 - Land Development Code.

Attachments: [1 - Hyperlink to Northfield Park Plan \(2008\)](#)

City Planner Mikayla Schmidt and Associate City Planner Mathias Hughey are asking Planning Commissioners for their feedback on the additional information given on proposed text amendments to 5.2.6 Parks, Trails, and Open Space Dedication in Chapter 34 - Land Development Code. Hughey gave additional information on past CIP's, past and current costs of parks.

*Topics discussed:
Trails as parks
Be more strategic on what a park means
Affordability of parks
Parks within a 5 minute walk
Park access fee*

STAFF UPDATES

City Planner Mikayla Schmidt gave an update on Cedar Meadows, Zoning Map Amendment passed at Council and Zoning Code update.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Schroeer, seconded by Commissioner Buckheit, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 7 - Commissioner Buckheit, Commissioner Nowak, Commissioner Holleran, Commissioner Schmidt, Commissioner Schroeer, Commissioner Kuhlmann, and Commissioner Lauer