HERNDON PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 28, 2026

1. Call to Order

Chair Romeo called the Planning Commission Regular Meeting to order on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 7:05 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers Building, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon. In attendance were: Commissioners Andrew Beatty; Yung C. Kim; Samuel F. Richardson II; Brenda Wichman; Vice Chair Meron Yohannes; and Chair Michael G. Romeo.

Commissioner Stephen Mundt was absent.

Staff present during the meeting: Lesa Yeatts, Town Attorney; Lisa Gilleran, Director of Community Development; and Margie Tacci, Deputy Town Clerk.

Chair Romeo stated that six Planning Commission Members were present, which constituted a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. May 28, 2026, Planning Commission Special Work Session

b. June 8, 2026, Planning Commission Work Session

c. June 22, 2026, Planning Commission Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Yohannes moved the following sets of minutes for approval, as presented:

- May 28, 2026, Planning Commission Special Work Session Minutes;
- June 8, 2026, Planning Commission Work Session Minutes; and
- June 22, 2026, Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Richardson. The question was called on the motion, which was carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Commissioners Beatty, Kim, Richardson, Wichman, Vice Chair Yohannes, and Chair Romeo voting "Aye." Commissioner Mundt was absent.

3. Comments

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a. Comments from the Staff Members

Lisa Gilleran, Director of Community Development, stated that a joint work session with the Town Council and the Planning Commission was scheduled for November 10, 2026. The meeting will be a workshop about placemaking with Peter Kageyama, author of *The Emotional Infrastructure of Places* and *For the Love of Cities*.

Ms. Gilleran stated that the Town would host the Herndon Futures Workshop, part of the Herndon 2050 Public Engagement Plan, on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Herndon Community Center to talk about the 2050 Comprehensive Plan and economic development study. She stated there would be two sessions, the first from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and the second from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Responding to Chair Romeo, Ms. Gilleran stated that from October 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, all Town Council, Board, Commission, and Committee meetings will be held at the Herndon Police Department Community Room, at 397 Herndon Parkway, unless otherwise noted, due to the HVAC replacement project in the Herndon Council Chambers.

Margie Tacci, Deputy Town Clerk, stated that during this time, livestreaming will not be available. Meetings typically recorded will be uploaded after the meeting date for on-demand viewing through the CivicClerk portal.

b. Comments from the Commissioners

Chair Romeo recognized the Commissioners for comments.

Chair Romeo: stated that he recently visited a site in Cary, North Carolina. He noted the development took 10 years to come to fruition and is interested in reviewing this for the future. He offered to provide pictures.

c. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

4. New Business

a. Resolution to establish the Planning Commission meeting schedule for January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027

Chair Romeo recognized Margie Tacci, Deputy Town Clerk, for the staff presentation. Ms. Tacci reviewed the proposed 2027 Planning Commission meeting schedule dates, which were selected based on the Commission's by-laws and traditional schedule. Staff recommended approval of the proposed resolution, as presented.

Chair Romeo stated that the American Planning Association Virginia Annual

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Conference is scheduled for July 11-14 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. While a Planning Commission Work Session on July 12, 2027, is proposed, he did not think the date had to be changed.

Commissioner Beatty moved to approve Resolution 26-PC-12 to establish the Planning Commission meeting schedule for January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kim. The motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote. The vote was: Commissioners Beatty, Kim, Richardson, Wichman, Vice Chair Yohannes, and Chair Romeo voting "Aye." Commissioner Mundt was absent.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, and without objection, Chair Romeo adjourned the September 28, 2026, Planning Commission Regular Meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Margie Tacci
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved by the Planning Commission: _____

[Note: Approved resolutions are on file in the Department of Community Development.]

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