



Capture the Character of the Community

The planning department announced a proclamation on October 7, 2014 for Community Planning Month, October, and the public has an opportunity to submit awareness videos, art projects, and/or photographs representing their ideas or concerns for the future. These ideas will be used to guide the production of the Envision 2035 Comprehensive Plan and as a basis for ongoing public engagement.

What: Submit photographs, art, drawings, videos, and/or other media of a special place in the county you enjoy or something you'd like to protect.

Why: To develop a vision for the future of Minnehaha County that will be used to guide the comprehensive planning process.

Who: Members of the public or any person with an interest in developing a vision for the future of Minnehaha County.

Please send submittals to the Minnehaha County Planning Department by **January 31, 2015**. If you have any questions email Envision2035@minnehahacounty.org or call 367-4204.

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Happy Holidays!

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Minnehaha County seeks applications for one appointment to the Minnehaha County planning commission

Applications can be obtained on the county website at www.minnehahacounty.org and will be accepted until December 15, 2014. Interested citizens are encouraged to apply.

Please contact the planning office at 367-4204 if you have any questions regarding the application for appointment.

What's Happening in Minnehaha County?

UPCOMING MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Planning Commission

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
No December meeting	
Jan. 26	(Jan. 2)
Feb. 23	(Jan. 30)
Mar. 23	(Feb. 27)



The Pipestone Discovery Barn, donated by Pipestone Holdings, LLC, is a new addition to the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds in Minnehaha County. The barn offers a fun and engaging educational experience for all ages. This addition has already demonstrated and will continue to prove itself as a vital tool in developing healthy relationships among the entire population in Minnehaha County.



Picture at left was taken at the 2014 Sioux Empire Fair, W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds of the Pipestone Discovery Barn
The two pictures above were taken of the interior space at the Pipestone Discovery Barn.

Photos taken by David Heinold

2015 Minnehaha County Planning Calendar

2015 MINNEHAHA COUNTY PLANNING CALENDAR



Holiday

January						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	★	20	21	22	23	24
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February						
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June						
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22	23	24	25	★	★	28
29	30					

December						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	★	26
27	28	29	30	31	★	2

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING	APPLICATION DEADLINE	COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING	JOINT COUNTY COMMISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
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**MINNEHAHA COUNTY
2015 HEARING SCHEDULE
CONDITIONAL USES**

	FILING DEADLINE*	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING	COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**	JOINT/COUNTY CITY MEETING**
January	01-02-15	01-26-15	02-17-15	02-24-15
February	01-30-15	02-23-15	03-17-15	03-24-15
March	02-27-15	03-23-15	04-21-15	04-28-15
April	03-27-15	04-27-15	05-19-15	05-26-15
May	04-24-15	05-18-15	06-16-15	06-23-15
June	05-22-15	06-22-15	07-21-15	07-28-15
July	06-26-15	07-27-15	08-18-15	08-25-15
August	07-31-15	08-24-15	09-15-15	09-22-15
September	08-28-15	09-28-15	10-20-15	10-27-15
October	10-02-15	10-26-15	11-17-15	11-24-15
November	10-30-15	11-23-15	12-15-15	12-22-15
December		no meeting		no meeting

* - For some conditional use requests, the application must be submitted 30 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting. Please check with the Planning Department for further information.

** - Meeting not required unless the Planning Commission decision is appealed.

Planning Commission meetings are at 7:00 pm in the 2nd floor Meeting Room of the County Administration Building.

County Commission meetings are at 9:00 am in the 2nd flr. Meeting Room of the County Administration Building.

Joint meetings are at 5:00 pm at Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W. 10th Street.

**MINNEHAHA COUNTY
2015 HEARING SCHEDULE
REZONINGS**

	FILING DEADLINE*	PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING	COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING	JOINT/COUNTY CITY MEETING
January	01-02-15	01-26-15	02-17-15	02-24-15
February	01-30-15	02-23-15	03-17-15	03-24-15
March	02-27-15	03-23-15	04-21-15	04-28-15
April	03-27-15	04-27-15	05-19-15	05-26-15
May	04-24-15	05-18-15	06-16-15	06-23-15
June	05-22-15	06-22-15	07-21-15	07-28-15
July	06-26-15	07-27-15	08-18-15	08-25-15
August	07-31-15	08-24-15	09-15-15	09-22-15
September	08-28-15	09-28-15	10-20-15	10-27-15
October	10-02-15	10-26-15	11-17-15	11-24-15
November	10-30-15	11-23-15	12-15-15	12-22-15
December		no meeting		no meeting

* Rezoning requests for Planned Development Districts must be submitted 30 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting.

Planning Commission meetings are at 7:00 pm in the 2nd floor Meeting Room of the County Administration Building.

County Commission meetings are at 9:00 am in the 2nd flr. Meeting Room of the County Administration Building.

Joint meetings are at 5:00 pm at Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W. 10th Street.

2014 Plain Green Conference—Sept. 12

The 2014 Plain Green Conference was full of nationally-renowned speakers and local experts who informed residents, students, business owners, design professionals, elected officials, and representatives from various state agencies on topics revolving around environmental sustainability. The president of South Dakota State University presented members of the audience to generate fresh ideas that create value.

Allan Savory, Savory Institute, is a farmer, game rancher, and biological scientist presented an inspiring talk based on holistic management of society. He discussed the notion that agriculture is at the center of sustaining cities worldwide through the production of food and fiber along with the majority of agricultural practice, fisheries and forestry. The issue before us is that the average mouthful of food is transported more than 1,000 miles as well as that for every half ton of food for one human there are 10 tons of eroding soil contributing to further land degradation. He offered the ideology that the things we make are complicated and the things we manage are complex, but we have to address the complexities of the environment in which we live.

Mr. Savory provided some insights into climate change and the ideology that desertification is a symptom of biodiversity loss, but agriculture presents a much greater force than desertification. He explained that the maintenance of biological decay is one of the main causes of land degradation along with less effective rainfall. He presented some history in the evolution in the use of tools over the years and suggested the concept of resting the environment as a new conservation method. This belief is reflective of systemic, holistic thinking that involves collaboration among institutions, agencies, and people. The concept must include a global strategy that is locally led by managed hubs through training, learning, and exchanging information to facilitate institutional change derived from a shift in public opinion.

Dan & Jill O'Brien, Wild Idea Buffalo Company, presented their business model on wild husbandry. Their business revolves around a simple idea to have respect for everything. They explained that sustainability of one species depends on all species and that diverse grasslands promote habitat for all species. 90% of prairie plants are roots underground that help carbon in the ground where it belongs, not in the atmosphere. The ideology of wild husbandry is "do no harm" and "must not take more from nature than we give back".

2014 South Dakota Planners Association Conference—Oct. 22-23

The 2014 South Dakota Planners Association Conference was full of accomplished speakers and local experts who informed residents, developers, design and legal professionals, elected officials, and representatives from various state agencies on community development with perspectives from the legal, design, and development professions.

The opening session included a presentation on the public hearing process from a legal perspective. There was an interestingly, thought-provoking discussion on the differences between counties that have a Board of Adjustment only for all items and those with only a Planning Commission that acts as the Board of Adjustment in certain cases. The discussion led to the conclusion that whether it is a matter of interpretation or not, errors in process can be costly and time consuming even when the best intentions are involved. Specific examples were provided to ensure that open meeting laws and proper notification to the public must be given prior to consideration of an application that would be otherwise construed as violating an individual's due process right to be aware of the subject matter.

The second session offered a unique viewpoint from the developers' perspective. One of the most important things for cities and counties to have in place to assist in the development process are to establish zoning so residents know what to expect and have infrastructure planned or in place as site-ready locations. Developers want to see that local governments understand the value for potential growth and have a vision initiated by elected officials identifying the needs of the community. Communication is key with provisions on monitoring tax incentives for developers. The vision and what's important for the community should be taken in full consideration when deciding how local government should deal with the perception from the community for preferential treatment to provide developers with a tax incentive. There should be a city/county partnership on extending developments beyond municipal boundaries because of the incentives to benefit the entire community and outlying area. It was addressed that stormwater detention codes need to be clear.

Planning Commissioners

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Wall Lake Area
2011-2015

Becky Randall

Dell Rapids Area
2013-2017

Mark Rogen

Garretson Area
2010-2014

Mike Cypher

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2013-2017

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Submit photos, news, stories, or events to David by
May 29, 2015. More news to come!