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Improving the Planning Process in Saint Paul

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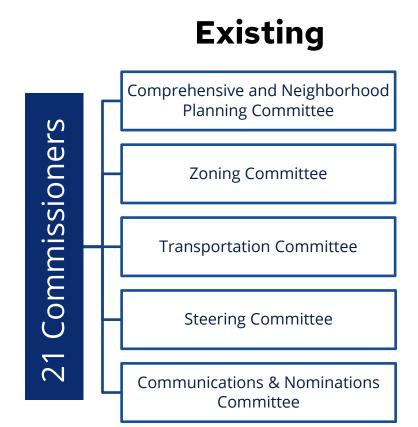
Proposed Recommendations

Goal: An accessible, transparent, equitable, and efficient process

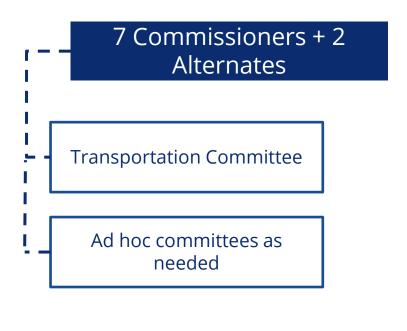
- 1. Reduce the size and streamline organization
- 2. Improve and modernize public noticing
- 3. Non-legislative policy changes



Reduction in the size and streamlined organization



Proposed





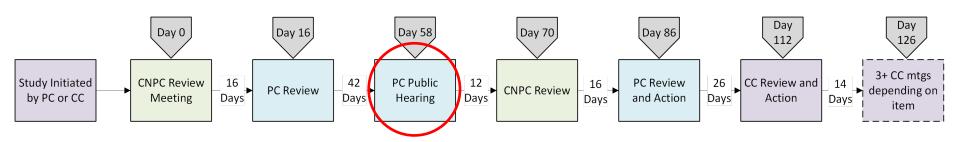
Zoning Application Process

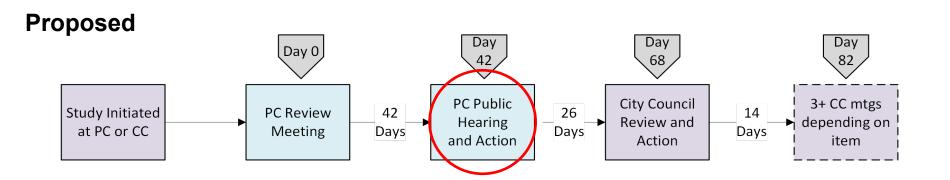




Zoning Text and Map Amendments (Zoning Studies)

Existing





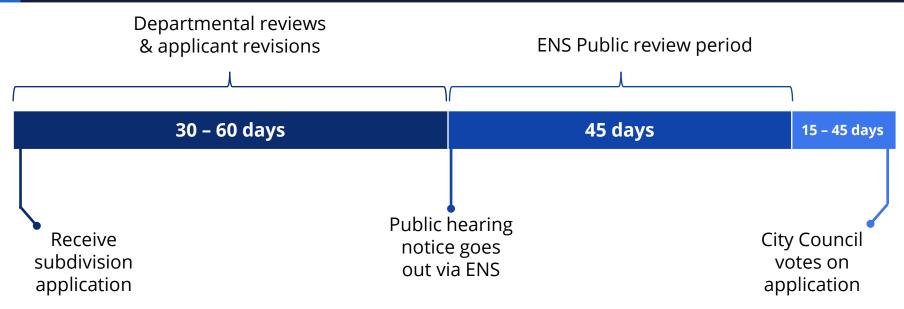


Benefits of reduction in the size and streamlined organization

- Improved meeting efficiency everyone gets the same information at the same time
- A clear and concise process for the public and applicants would allow for a zoning application to have a public hearing and decision at one meeting if desired
- Easier commitment for Commissioners 4 to 6 meetings per month becomes 2
 - Easier to recruit potential Commissioners with less flexible jobs, childcare, busy schedules



Improved and Modernized Public Noticing



- Change ENS requirement from 45 days to 30 days
- Create one webpage for public hearings



Non-Legislative Policy Changes

- Update Planning Commission bylaws to reflect changes
- Move Planning Commission from basement Room 40 to Council Chambers
 - Adequate Audio/Visual support Audience, Applicants, Commissioners can all see and hear the discussion and decision
 - Set up for holding public hearings
 - Room for everyone
- Ability to change meeting date and time
- Consolidate subcommittee committee webpages into one
- Create a new Public Hearing webpage



Developer Dan

Dan is a **local housing developer**. He builds mid-sized
multifamily projects and needs a
Conditional Use Permit.

What do the Planning Commission changes mean for me?

The process is more predictable and only takes one meeting to know if his Conditional Use Permit is approved or not.

There is more time within 15.99 to discuss project details with the local District Council and Planning Staff!



Questions?

