



## Department Details

Department name: Planning Commission  
 Type: Planning Commission  
 Meeting time: 6:00 pm  
 Meeting location: Civic Center, Council Chambers  
 Primary contact: Kim De Coite

Description: The Planning Commission, made up of seven individual direct appointee members is a quasi-judicial body empowered by State law and the City Council. The Planning Commission study session is open to public attendance but is not a public hearing. The meetings are subject to the Brown Act and televised live on local cable HBTv Channel 3. The Planning Commission study session is open to public attendance but is not a public hearing. Projects typically acted upon by the Planning Commission are major development proposals, tentative tract maps, zoning map amendments, zoning text amendments, general plan amendments, and various similar applications. In reviewing a project, project planners consult with various City departments as well as appropriate regional and state agencies. Environmental assessments are conducted concurrently with each project analysis. The review process for a Planning Commission item normally requires four to five months. For more information, please contact Community Development department at 714-536-5276 or email [planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org](mailto:planning.commission@surfcity-hb.org).

Name	Title	Start Date	End Date
Brian Thienes Appointed By: Pat Burns	Commissioner	2/11/2025	12/31/2028
Brett Bush Appointed By: Chad Williams	Chairperson	2/11/2025	12/31/2028
Ken Babineau Appointed By: Butch Twining	Vice Chair	2/11/2025	12/31/2028
Domnic McGee Appointed By: Gracey Van Der Mark	Commissioner	2/11/2025	12/31/2028
Ann Palmer Appointed By: Don Kennedy	Commissioner	6/10/2025	12/31/2028
Dave Clifford Appointed By: Casey McKeon	Commissioner	2/3/2026	12/31/2026
Benjamin Goldberg Appointed By: Andrew Gruel	Commissioner	7/31/2025	12/31/2026