
SUBJECT: Planning Commission Design Training

In April 2018, the Planning Commission discussed goals and a “roadmap” for ways in which the Commission could build capacity and improve their framework for decision-making, including policy updates, ongoing engagement with current and long-range planning efforts, and training opportunities.

As part of the effort, staff has invited Rick Williams, principal at Van Meter Williams Pollack (VMWP), an urban design and architecture consulting firm, to provide a design review training for the Planning Commission. VMWP provided a similar training to planning division staff in late 2018.

The training will focus on critical issues and best practices for project review, including site planning, urban design concepts and architectural design considerations for both larger-scale and smaller-scale infill projects. There will also be an opportunity to discuss challenges and strategies for the City to proactively address the reality of future, higher-density housing developments in Pleasanton, to ensure that they are appropriately located and as compatible as possible with existing residential and commercial development.