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West Fargo Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13th, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Kathi Schwan, Alyssa Ommen, Chris Wehri, Mike Thorstad, Dave Gust, Morgan Forness, Matt Kopp

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Aaron Nelson, Lisa Sankey, Steve Iverson, Katie Schmidt, Jerry Wallace, Breanna Siegler

Minutes Submitted by: Breanna Siegler, Office Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Thorstad at 5:30pm. Vice-Chair Thorstad asked for approval of the order of the agenda. Commissioner Gust motioned to approve; Commissioner Schwan seconded. No opposition. Motion passed.

Vice-Chair Thorstad asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 9, 2025. Commissioner Kopp moved and Commissioner Ommen seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 9, 2025. No opposition. Motion passed.

Vice-Chair Thorstad opened the regular agenda by introducing the election of a new Commission Chair and Vice-Chair. Director Nelson provided an overview of the responsibilities of the positions for the one-year term. Vice-Chair Thorstad opened nominations for Commission Chair. Commissioner Gust nominated Mike Thorstad as Commission Chair. Commissioner Schwan seconded. Vice-Chair Thorstad asked for any other nominations. None were made. Motion passed with a roll call vote of 7-0 in favor. Commissioner Wehri nominated Commissioner Gust as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Forness seconded. No other nominations. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. Motion passed.

Newly elected Chair Thorstad opened a public hearing for A26-1 Sukuts 2nd Addition, a request for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow an illuminated sign in an R-1 (One- and Two-Family Dwelling) Zoning District located at 127 2nd Ave E, (Lots 1-10, Block 14 Sukuts 2nd Less N 30'). Staff received one letter of opposition prior to the meeting. Chair Thorstad opened the floor for public comment. One comment was brought forth. Chair Thorstad closed the public hearing. Discussion held. Commissioner Gust motioned to approve the application with the three conditions listed in the staff report. Commissioner Ommen seconded. Roll call vote 7-0 in favor. Motion passed.

Chair Thorstad opened the floor to review and approve the 2026 Planning & Zoning Commissioner meeting dates. Director Nelson asked if the commission had any concerns. No concerns or conflicts were mentioned. The meeting dates will proceed as presented in the packet.



Chair Thorstad invited Director Nelson to the floor to review the 2026 work program. Director Nelson gave an overview of the 2026 work program document provided in the packet.

Chair Thorstad opened the floor for non-agenda items. None were brought forth.

Chair Thorstad asked for a motion to adjourn from the regular agenda. Commissioner Forness moved to adjourn. Commissioner Wehri seconded. No opposition. Motion passed. Chair Thorstad adjourned from the regular agenda at 5:57pm