



**CITY OF HELENA  
Planning Commission  
May 12, 2026 - Minutes  
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**Members Present: Lucy Richards; Mike Newhouse, Maddi Petrosky, Tracy Egeline, Mark Runde**

**Members Absent: Brett Heitshusen**

**Staff Present: Christopher Brink, Ellie Ray, April Sparks, Matt Peterson**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**(0:00:01)** Chair Richards called the meeting to order, and roll call was taken. A quorum of five members was established.

**Approval of Minutes**

**(0:00:57)** Chair Richards brought forward minutes from February 10, 2026 for approval. The minutes were approved as presented.

**Regular Items**

**A. Appointment of the Zoning Policy Advisory Committee (ZPAC)**

**(0:02:53)** Director Christopher Brink, gave a brief presentation on the appointment of the Zoning Policy Advisory Committee (ZPAC). Members of the Commission asked questions related to representation of certain members of the development community. Members of the ZPAC in attendance introduced themselves to the Commission

**(0:09:29)** Chair Richards asked for public comment. There was none.

**(0:09:51)** Ms. Petrosky made a motion to approve the appointment of the ZPAC. Ms. Egeline seconded the motion. A voice vote was called. The motion passed unanimously (4:0).

**B. Zoning Regulation Update (Houseal Lavigne)**

**(0:10:34)** City staff introduced Houseal Lavigne staff prior to the presentation by Nicole Campbell of Houseal Lavigne introducing the Zoning Regulation Update project. Ms. Campbell opened up her presentation with an invitation for questions or comments throughout. There was discussion on almost every topic covered in the presentation, including housing, landscaping, commercial development, parking, and signage. There was a reminder that presentation and discussion at this meeting was a broader



overview of the goals and objectives of this process.

**(1:07:28)** City Staff spoke to the proposed schedule of meetings with the ZPAC and what those will look like in the future.

**Public Comment**

**(1:11:18)** The meeting was opened for general public comment. There was none.

**Meetings of Interest / Announcements**

**(1:11:59)** It was noted the next scheduled meeting is June 9, 2026.

**Adjournment**

**(1:12:18)** The meeting was adjourned.

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