



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Columbus Plan Commission Members  
**FROM:** Jeff Bergman  
**DATE:** February 5, 2024  
**RE:** 2024 Plan Commission Appointments

Please see the summaries below for the appointments to be made by the plan commission this year.

### **Bartholomew County Plan Commission Liaison:**

The Columbus and Bartholomew County Plan Commissions appoint liaisons to attend each other's meetings and participate in discussions when appropriate. The liaison is not a voting member of the other commission. The Bartholomew County Plan Commission currently meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month (the same day as the Columbus Plan Commission) at 8:30 a.m. The liaisons are appointed annually. Dennis Baute served in this role in 2023.

### **Columbus Plat Committee Members and Alternates:**

The plat committee is a sub-committee of the plan commission with the authority to approve minor subdivision plats. The plat committee meets on the Thursday three weeks before each plan commission meeting at 9:00 a.m. (either the 3rd or 4th Thursday of each month). The plan commission must appoint a plat committee that includes (1) a plan commission citizen member, (2) the planning director, and (3) the city engineer. The 2023 appointees were Dennis Baute, me, and Andrew Beckort. Melissa Begley was appointed as an alternate for me. Currently eligible Plan Commission members are Amber Porter, Zack Ellison, Evan Kleinhenz, Laura Garrett, Keerthi Alapati, Michael Kinder, Barry Kastner, and Dennis Baute. All plat committee member and alternate terms are the calendar year.

### **Appointment of a Columbus Plan Commission Hearing Examiner:**

The hearing examiner is allowed to hear and approve certain site development plan applications on behalf of the plan commission. Eligible applications are those that are located in a zoning district where design guidelines have been adopted as a basis for decision making. The hearing examiner's term is the calendar year. The hearing examiner may be a commission member, a staff member, or a member of the public. Laura Garrett was the 2023 hearing examiner.

### **Columbus Utility Review Committee Member (a Plan Commission President's Appointment):**

The Columbus Utility Review Committee reviews requests for sewer and/or water service to be provided by Columbus City Utilities outside of the Columbus city limits. The primary criterion is whether or not the property should instead be annexed to the city. The committee includes the planning director, the utilities director, and one plan commission member appointed by the plan commission president. Zack Ellison served in this role for 2023.