

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Planning And Development Department**  
**611 Walker**  
**Houston, TX. 77002**  
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**LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR CREATION AND OPERATION (City)**

Created by Chapter 33, Code of Ordinances, City of Houston.

**GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES**

- (1) To exercise all powers of a planning commission anticipated in Chapters 212 of the Texas Local Government Code, specifically, the approval of subdivision and development plats in the City and its ETJ;
- (2) To adopt a comprehensive plan in conformance with the provisions of the Texas Local Government Code Section 211.004, and recommend it to City Council for its approval.
- (3) Approve and recommend to City Council Annual Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan.
- (4) Conduct hearings, grant variances or waivers and make recommendations to City Council under the provisions of various City land use ordinances.

**MEETING TIME AND LOCATION**

Every other Thursday, 2:30 p.m; City Hall Annex Council Chambers, 900 Bagby, Public Level. Commission by vote adopts annual meeting schedule each fall for following year and publishes it in newspaper.

**COMPOSITION**

Twenty-six members; Twenty-one appointed by Mayor, subject to confirmation by City Council. Planning Director, Public Works Director, Convention & Entertainment Facilities Director and representative of Metro serve as ex-officios. Immediate past chair of Planning Commission serves as ex-officio, or if unable to serve Mayor appoints someone who has served for more than five years. May expand to twenty-seven members depending on population growth within the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction in Waller County and Liberty County.

- Positions 1-14 - Residents and qualified voters of the City.  
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Position 15 - Member of Harris County Commissioners Court and alternate.  
Position 16 - Member of Montgomery County Commissioners Court 2 and alternate.  
Position 17 - Member of Fort Bend County Commissioners Court 2 and alternate.  
Positions 18-19 - Residents of the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.  
Position 22 - Ex-Officio, Director of Planning and Development Department.  
Position 23 - Ex-Officio, Director or representative of Public Works  
Position 24 - Ex-Officio, Representative of Metro  
Position 25 - Ex-Officio, Past chairman of Planning Commission  
Position 26 - Ex-Officio, Director of Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department

Quorum: Eleven members.

TERM: Two years (staggered).

CHAIRPERSON: Elected by majority of Commission.

Note: Chapter 33 also recognizes the Commission as a zoning commission under Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code, but the Commission does not exercise these powers. County Engineer may serve as alternate to elected official.

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

Entity is NOT included in the financial reporting for the City of Houston

**Membership: Planning Commission**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Ethnicity/Gender</b>	<b>CD</b>	<b>Position #</b>	<b>Exp. Date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Christopher Amandes	White/Male		01	3/31/2011	
Richard Rice	White/Male	G	02	9/30/2011	
James Jard	White/Male	G	03	9/30/2011	
Susan Alleman	White/Female		04	9/30/2010	
Mark Kilkenny	White/Male	F	05	3/31/2011	
J.D. Bartell	White/Male	H	06	3/31/2011	
Blake Tartt III	White/Male	C	07	9/30/2011	
Keiji Asakura	Asian/Male	D	08	9/30/2011	
Robin Reed	White/Female	C	09	9/30/2010	
Talmadge Sharp Sr.	Black/Male	B	10	3/31/2011	
Shaukat Zakaria	Asian/Male	F	11	9/30/2010	
Algenita Segars	Black/Female	D	12	3/31/2011	
Elizabeth Wolff	White/Female	G	13	3/31/2011	
David Robinson	White/Male	D	14	9/30/2011	
Edward Emmett	White/Male		15	3/7/2009	
Edward Chance	White/Male		16	9/30/2006	
James Prestage	Black/Male	D	17	9/30/2008	
Paul Nelson	White/Male		18	9/30/2010	
Linda Porras-Pirtle	Hispanic/Female		19	3/31/2011	
Jeff Ross	White/Male	C	20	9/30/2010	
Medardo "Sonny" Garza	Hispanic/Male	I	21	9/30/2010	
Marlene Gafrick	White/Female		22	12/31/2099	Ex-Officio
Mike Marcotte	White/Male		23	12/31/2099	Ex-Officio
Frank Wilson	White/Male		24	12/31/2099	Ex-Officio
M. Marvin Katz	White/Male	G	25	12/31/2099	Ex-Officio
Dawn Ullrich	White/Female		26	12/31/2099	Ex-Officio
Jackie Freeman Sr.	Black/Male		A15	9/30/2004	
Mark Mooney	White/Male		A16	9/30/2006	
D. Jesse Hegemier	White/Male		A17	9/30/2008	