

Town of Vienna Monday, July 14, 2025
Plan Commission Minutes

The Town of Vienna Plan Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00PM by Plan Commission Chair, Cate Heath. Commissioners Steve Herbrand, Joe Henry, Matt Shechik, Jim Koch, Town Supervisor Gary Endres, and Clerk Kathy Clark were present. Also present were Dane County Senior Planner Curt Kodl and Residents, Roberta Bauman, Delaine Breunig, Diana Karls, Marcia Sutter, Larry Karow, Pat & Scott Maier, and Nancy Caldwell.

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment: None

Resignation of PC Chair and Introduce Matt Shefchik, newly appointed Plan Commission member: Clark explained that a letter was received by Meinholz, PC Chair to resign from his role. Town Board Chair Marx appointed Cate Heath to step up to Plan Commission Chair for the remainder of her term. Marx also appointed resident Matt Shefchik to serve on the Plan Commission for a term of 3 years.

Approve the minutes: Motion by Herbrand, second by Koch to approve the minutes for the May 12, 2025, Plan Commission meeting. Motion carried (5-0).

Discussion and review only-QTS Request for Comprehensive Plan Amendment filed July 1, 2025: Clark presented the QTS request to amend the comprehensive Plan to develop a large data center on lands surrounding the ATC Substation. QTS held an open event on Thursday, July 10, 2025, to publicly announce who QTS is, what a Data Center is and what it does. Now that the public is aware of this proposal, it was time to review and consider the proposed request. Clark explained the original Comprehensive Plan that was recommended for approval, by the plan commission, at the May 12, 2025, meeting. However, this has not gone before the town board yet. This is scheduled for review and possible approval at the town board meeting on July 21, 2025. If the town board does approve the plan as presented, there is a 30-day review period for the public to comment or suggest revisions. Heath asked after the 30-day review period, and if the county does adopt the plan, could the town consider the proposed amendment and Clark said yes. Clark recapped the main changes made over the year to the comprehensive plan. Koch asked about other property owners that if involved, could extend the territory. Clark stated that until a concise map is provided, the territory is officially unknown. Koch asked about the possibility of stray voltage from the development based on the experience with the ATC development. Clark stated the issues with stray voltage have been identified and should not be a part of the development, but this will be addressed within a development agreement. Karls asked about the overall process of rezoning. Heath explained that as the approval process takes place, the next step is an open review and consideration if the development meets the requirements of the town comprehensive plan. All the steps will provide for several public meetings for residents to ask questions and voice concerns. Discussion followed.

Adjourn: Motion by Herbrand, second by Henry to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0) Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Prepared by: Kathleen Clark, Clerk

Note: These draft minutes are subject to approval at the next Plan Commission Meeting.