



## Planning & Inspections Department

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DELIVERED: VIA EMAIL**

**TO:** Mayor & Council

**FROM:** City Plan Commission

**DATE:** August 13, 2015

**RE:** City Plan Commission Annual Report

**CC:** Mr. Tommy Gonzales, City Manager  
Mr. Larry Nichols, Director, Planning & Inspections  
Mr. Carlos Gallinar, Deputy Director—Planning /  
Executive Secretary, City Plan Commission

The City Plan Commission (CPC) is pleased to provide City Council with a copy of the 2014 Activity Report for the Planning & Inspections Department's Planning Division, which is presented pursuant to Section 2.08.150 (Reports to City Council) of the El Paso Municipal Code.

This report summarizes the actions taken and recommendations made by the CPC on land development applications, as well as other major programs and projects undertaken by the CPC with the Planning Division during the 2014 calendar year.

### **OVERVIEW:**

The City Plan Commission, in addition to the powers and duties identified in the Zoning, Subdivision, and SmartCode Ordinances, has authority to make recommendations to the City Council on the comprehensive plan, rezoning cases, study area plans, development plats, land use studies, and on changes and amendments under these ordinances. The Planning Division staff—with assistance from the City's Legal Department—provides technical support to the CPC and City Council as they determine long term policies and goals that will guide the future development of El Paso.

### **SPECIAL PLANNING ITEMS**

During the 2014 calendar year, the CPC had 27 regular meetings. The CPC also addressed the following planning items:

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1. Credit Access Regulations
2. Billboard Relocation Ordinance
3. Adoption of the Downtown Parking District
4. Permitting the Transfer of Development Rights for vested projects.
5. Registration of transitional living facilities.
6. Amending and expanding the boundary of the 2015 Downtown Plan
7. Natural Open Space Ordinance
8. On Premises Sign amendment—allowed for roof signs and perpendicular signs.
9. Title 19 amendment to provide options for expedited processing (certain permits before recording, business-friendly).
10. Title 19 & 20 amendments to reduce or waive TIA & park dedication requirements for TOD, TND, infill, etc.
11. Title 15 amendment approved new standards for sidewalk vending.
12. Annexations (Pebble Hills and TDE IV) to advance important City projects.

### **PRIORITIES FOR 2015-2016**

1. Coordinate with other planning entities (schools, county) to ensure regional planning efforts and create a more efficient approach to planning/land use.
2. Northpark Mall rezoning to SmartCode; coordinate with Hunt Development Corporation.