

Legislative Committee Meeting

January 12, 2023 - 3pm

Attendees: Rachel Laqua (City of Williston), Don Kress (City of Fargo), Heidi Hamelton (City of Beulah), Andrea Edwardson (City of Grand Forks), Brian Billsley (City of Minot), John Van Dyke (City of Minot), Emma Cook (ND DoC), Ben Ehreth (City of Bismarck), Stacey Swanson (Billings County), Scott Harmstead (SRF Consulting), Mitch Calkins (Lake Agassiz Regional Council), Natalie Pierce (Morton County), Joel Quanbeck (KLJ Consultants), Maria Effer (Division of Community Services), Tracey (Division of Community Services)

Agenda

Email -

Sent notice to NDPA membership, thank you to those who signed on through that. We appreciate the interest and any help going forward with this committee. Email will be primary communication to the group going forward.

Expectation for handling bills throughout the session - we will try to send an email out to the board and the committee to form a full opinion before responding to bills.

Website

Rachel gave overview of NDplanning.org legislative page.

NDLC Website

Meets 2pm on Fridays to stay updated of topics. Brian can provide update if anything pops up from them.

NDAoC website

Don't have a weekly meeting but updates their website and emails throughout the session. Natalie will provided updates from Association of Counties as needed.

Bill Tracking/Updates

Keyword searches are helpful for searching the new ND legislation website - things like, "zoning", "non-conforming", "extra-territorial", etc.

They can completely gut a bill and totally change it, but its not likely. If it isn't planning related to start, it typically doesn't get amended to include planning as an off-shoot.

HB 1049 - relating to adult foster agencies had a hearing this week, NDPA will stay silent on that one from an equity standpoint. Brian asked for definition of agency for adult foster. Andrea provided - "Agency Foster Home for Adults: A residential home in which foster care for adults is regularly provided by professional staff trained to provide services to older adults or adults with a

disability, to four or fewer adults who are not related by blood or marriage to the owner or lessee, for hire or compensation that is licensed by the State of North Dakota.”

HB 1266 - Renaissance zone reestablishing - have to start over if a zone is lost. Same zone back.

Looking for sponsor for allowing previously approved if its over 30 years from incentive.

Looking for sponsor for bill for reinstatement, use of another building being allow, additional block, and removing school and counties to veto.

HB 1062 - reg of oil and gas wells - notifications - insurance - flair mitigation. Nothing new, but amendments to existing legislation.

HB 1064 - Definition change for excavation. Govt & veterans affairs cmte.

HB 1098 - Floodplain related - adding extra language regarding flood insurance programs.

SB 2037 - Calculations for costs & benefits through water boards - technical one.

SB 2074 - Ground water

SB 2100 - Slaughter houses and licensure of those. Nothing that gets into land use control.

International health organization or international climate control - not enforceable in this state.

HB 1135 - Foreign government ownership of agricultural land.

HB 1124 - Prohibiting counties and cities from ordinance that has the effect of prohibiting natural gas in construction.

HB 1333 - adult performances falling back to state preemption of regulation of obscenity.

HB 1039 and 1049 - NDPERs retirement restructuring and funding concerns.

SB 2082 - Food & Lodging establishments - removing short term lodgings (AirBnBs) from lodging establishments and state oversight. Should be defined on their own as a special type of lodging but questioning if they should be exempt. State probably doesn't have staff to certify or permit them. Shifts pressure on

local communities. State Already don't inspect, this formalize it. Bottineau may have regulations through a conditional use permits.

(those in bold we'll post on the website)

HB 1285 - limiting executive branch being able to submit, would have to have a legislative assembly bill as a sponsor.

HB 1018 - Commerce Bill / Governors Budget bill -

Commerce bill - funding for planning grants, an FTE for a rural development planner, tourism things.

Housing incentive fund - governors budget - included additional funding

Pilot program on workforce housing - to incent affordable workforce

Pilot program on slum & blight removal - loans don't work but need grant support.

Slum & Blight redevelopment plan.

**SB 2118 - Abandon motor vehicle - changes definitions and requires permit.
Scrap tires, scrap metal.**

SB 2134 - Bee regulations

Future Meetings:

Standing meeting preferences - Thursdays at 3 work for most. Send meeting invite out to this group.