

#### PC & BOA Presentation

# Washoe County Planning Commission & Board of Adjustment

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners
July 24, 2018



## **Overview of Planning Commission**

- 7 Members
- 4 Year Terms
- 5 members appointed by the County Commission based on Districts
- 2 members at large (north and south of river)
- The PC meets monthly and for special meetings (e.g., with Reno PC)
- 51 Total Number of Cases heard from May 2017 thru May 2018



## State Law Requirements - PC

- Requires BCC to create PC with 7 members (NRS 278.030) and sets 4 year member terms (NRS 278.040)
- Requires at least 1 meeting a month (NRS 278.050)
- Requires PC to adopt a master plan for the County (NRS 278.150) and establishes master plan elements (NRS 278.150)
  - Sets forth process for BCC to adopt the master plan (NRS 278.220)



#### **Planning Commission Responsibilities**

- Master Plan Amendments
- Regulatory Zone Amendments
- Development Code Amendments
- Tentative Subdivision Maps
  - Extension of Time Requests
- Special Use Permits (Limited)
  - Amendment of Conditions
- Abandonments
- Joint Planning Commission items



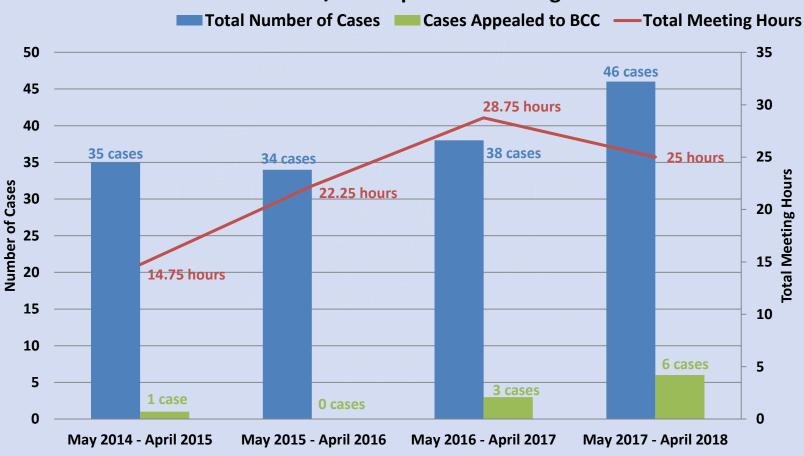
#### **Additional PC Responsibilities**

- 3 Members Serve on the Regional Planning Commission
- All Members Serve on the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee
  - Plus one member based on code based qualifications
- One Member Serves on the Parcel Map Review Committee



#### **PC Work Load and Meeting Time**

## Planning Commission Case Load/Time Spent at Meetings





#### **PC Workload and Meeting Time**

Average PC Work Load per meeting			
Reporting Year (May to April)	Average number of Cases per meeting	Average Length of meeting	
2014-2015	3.2 cases	1.3 hours	
2015-2016	3.1 cases	2.0 hours	
2016-2017	2.9 cases	2.2 hours	
2017-2018	3.8 cases	2.1 hours	



## **Overview of Board of Adjustment**

- 5 Members
- 4 Year Terms
- Appointed by the County Commission based on Commission Districts
- 9 Meetings scheduled in 2018
  - —3 meetings added from 2017 calendar in response to increased case load
- 30 Total Number of Cases heard from May 2017 thru April 2018



#### **State Law Requirements - BOA**

- Enables (not requires) BCC to establish a Board of Adjustment (NRS 278.270)
- When BOA is established:
  - Can be the BCC or no more than 7 non-BCC members (NRS 278.280)
  - Must act on appeals from zoning enforcement actions or regulations on location/soundness of structures (NRS 278.300)
  - Must decide on variances; NRS 278.300 defines and restricts scope of variances



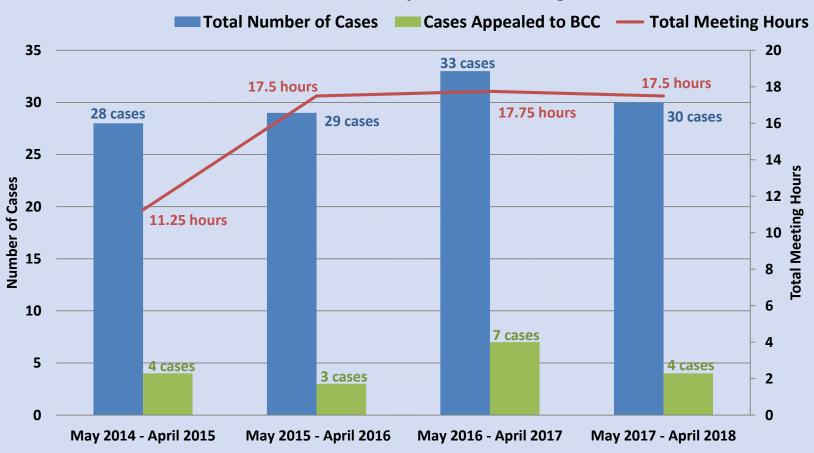
#### **BOA** Responsibilities

- Special Use Permits
  - Amendment of conditions
- Administrative Permits
  - Includes outdoor event licenses
  - Amendment of conditions
- Variances
  - Amendment of conditions
- Appeals of Administrative (Staff) Decisions
- Extension of Time Requests



#### **BOA Work Load and Meeting Time**

## Board of Adjustment Case Load/Time Spent at Meetings





#### **BOA Workload and Meeting Time**

Average BOA Work Load per meeting			
Reporting Year (May to April)	Average number of Cases per meeting	Average Length of meeting	
2014-2015	4.7 cases	1.9 hours	
2015-2016	4.8 cases	2.9 hours	
2016-2017	5.5 cases	3.0 hours	
2017-2018	5.0 cases	2.9 hours	



#### PLANNING COMMISSION/BOA

## QUESTIONS???