



## What's Happening in the County?



County Highway 149 reconstruction in Hartford, SD looking south

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## Staff Announcements

### Minnehaha County Seeks Applicants for Two (2) Planning Commission Appointments

Minnehaha County is requesting applications to fill two upcoming vacancies on the Minnehaha County Planning Commission. Civic-minded individuals are welcome to apply for these two volunteer positions. The Planning Commission meets every fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. The term of service is 4 years beginning in January 2018.

Application forms can be obtained by calling the Minnehaha County Commission Office at 605-367-4206 or by visiting the Planning and Zoning Department section on Minnehaha County's website. A direct link to the form can be found below:

<http://www.minnehahacounty.org/residents/appBoardVacancies/appBoardVacancies.php>

Completed applications should be returned to the Minnehaha County Commission Office, 415 N. Dakota Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104 or e-mailed to [mstorley@minnehahacounty.org](mailto:mstorley@minnehahacounty.org) with the subject header – Planning Commission Application. Applications must be received by close of business on December 1, 2017.

Applications will be reviewed by the Minnehaha County Commission following the deadline.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & IMPORTANT DEADLINES

#### Planning Commission

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
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<b>Nov. 27</b>	<b>(Oct. 27)</b>
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**No December meeting**

**2018**

<b>Jan. 22</b>	<b>(Dec. 29)</b>
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<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>(Jan. 26.)</b>
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<b>Mar. 26</b>	<b>(Mar. 2)</b>
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<b>Apr. 23</b>	<b>(Mar. 30)</b>
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<b>May 21</b>	<b>(Apr. 20)</b>
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## Planning & Zoning News

### SDPA and WP Annual Conference

Written by: Kevin Hoekman

Scott Anderson (Planning Director) and Kevin Hoekman (Planner I) attended the 2017 joint conference for the South Dakota Planners Association and the Western Planners. The two organizations have joint conferences approximately every 10 years. The conference was held in Spearfish, SD from September 13 through 15.

The theme of the conference was Partners in Progress, and many of the sessions highlighted examples and methods of varied governmental and non-governmental organizations working together to plan and create better places. These partnerships (and session topics) are built in areas of economic development, state and local governments, tribal and federal government, and others.

The keynote speaker for the conference was Charles (Chuck) Marohn, the founder of [Strong Towns](#). The core of his presentation revolved around the question 'why are cities struggling financially?' Chuck presented that cities have evolved for thousands of years around walking as the main form of transportation; the automobile change that. He also exclaimed that large successful cities started with settlers grouping businesses close together with small shacks constructed out of personal wealth and "small bets." If the small shacks were successful, then structures would be replaced by wood frame buildings, then by brick buildings, then by sky scrapers. Each increase incrementally bigger and the infrastructure would grow with it. Chuck continued that modern day development involves large upfront investments for structures and infrastructure for tenants that may or may not remain for the long term. The premise of the Strong Towns movement is that the large investments on undeveloped land are not a sustainable pattern of growth.

Other activities of the conference included networking through sessions and gatherings such as the Western Planners tradition of Wyoming vs The World softball game and the Western Planners awards ceremony. The many sessions and activities were informative and would need more space to review than this text box can hold.

## Important Announcements

**Reminder: Effective in rural area of Minnehaha County for any post frame building footings will need to meet minimum standard footing sizes.**

**\* Structures 60' or wider will require structural engineering for building and foundation.**

**All Structures to be Designed in Accordance with the 2015 IBC.**

## Building Activity Report (Third Quarter 2017)

### Building Activity Minnehaha County Unincorporated Area

January-October

2017		2016	
Permits Issued	Construction Value	Permits Issued	Construction Value
472	\$34,287,039.00	506	\$41,870,725.00
(thousands \$)		(thousands \$)	
<b>Residential</b>		<b>Residential</b>	
New (30)	\$9,266.7	New (55)	\$15,238.7
Adds, remodel, acc., replacement (274)	\$16,244.3	Adds, remodel, acc., replacement (329)	\$10,519.0
Commercial /Industrial (30)	\$4,480.0	Commercial /Industrial (75)	\$11,489.3
Agricultural (31)	\$4,296.0	Agricultural (47)	\$4,623.7
Total	\$34,287.0	Total	\$41,870.7
New dwellings	30	New dwellings	55
Mobile homes	0	Mobile homes	0
Total	30	Total	55

() denotes number of permits YTD

#### RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, 2005-2016

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Single-family units	79	76	53	37	34	26	25	28	48	30	39	54	30
Single-family (moved on)	7	4	1	2	1		0	1		2		2	
Manufactured homes	3		1	1		1	0		1	0		1	
Mobile homes	0	2		1			0						
Replacement units	17	16	15	29	15	12	21	14	22	18	22	15	18
Total	106	98	70	70	50	39	46	43	71	50	61	72	48

\*to date

Net increase 2005-2016 (excluding replacement units) = 503 housing units  
 Annual average = 38.69 housing units

Source: Minnehaha County Planning Department

### Commissioners

**Mike Cypher, Chair**  
2013-2017

**Doug Ode**  
2015-2019

**Bonnie Duffy, Vice Chair**  
2017-2021

**Paul Kostboth**  
2016-2020

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Representative - 2017

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2013-2017

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## Minnehaha County Planning & Zoning Newsletter

### Moving Forward ~ Planning Ahead

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**Submit photos, news, stories, or events to us by  
March 31, 2018. More news to come!**