



City of Independence Minutes

**Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, July 6, 2026**

1. **Planning Commission Walking Tour.** Planner Fred Evander and City Recorder Myra Russell met with Planning Commissioners Jose Oliveros, Alex Parakevas, John Southgate, Patrick Fugeman, and Sally Coen for a walking tour of the Edwards Addition neighborhood in Monmouth. Commissioners Corby Chappell and Becky Jay were excused. The group was joined by Monmouth City Planner Carter Craig and Edwards Addition developer Eric Olsen.

Mr. Olsen provided an overview of the history, planning, and development of Edwards Addition before leading the group on a walking tour of the neighborhood. Commissioners viewed a variety of housing types, including single-family homes, cottage clusters, accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and townhomes.

The tour also highlighted the neighborhood's New Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND) principles, including homes oriented toward the street with front porches, rear-loaded and alley-access garages, pocket parks and shared open spaces, community garden areas, walkable streets with interconnected sidewalks, and an integrated mix of housing types throughout the neighborhood.

The walking tour ended around 8:15 pm.