



City of Lowell - Planning Board

Planning Board Agenda

March 2, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 375 Merrimack Street, Lowell MA 01852 with public welcome and by using remote participation as follows:

Members of the public may view the meeting via lrc.org or local cable channel 6. Those wishing to speak regarding a specific agenda item shall register to speak in advance of the meeting by sending an email to dricker@lowellma.gov, pcutrumbes@lowellma.gov AND mbrundage@lowellma.gov indicating the agenda item and a phone number to call so that you may be issued zoom link to the meeting. If no access to email, you may contact Development Services at 978-674-4144. All requests must occur prior to 4:00PM on the day of meeting.

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Review all application documents online at: www.lowellma.gov/1098/Planning-Board

I. Minutes for Approval

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II. Continued Business

Site Plan Review - 558 Gorham Street, 01852

The Lowell Planning Board will hold a public hearing to hear all interested persons relative to an application by NLK Homes LLC to construct one triplex and one duplex (a total of 5 units) at 558 Gorham Street. The subject property is located in the Urban Mixed Use (UMU) zoning district. The proposal requires Site Plan Review per Section 11.4.2 of the Lowell Zoning Ordinance for a development with more than three units, and Special Permit approval per Section 11.3.2 for four to six dwelling units on a single lot in the UMU zone.

III. New Business

Public Shade Tree Hearing – 375 Merrimack Street and 652 Merrimack Street, 01852

In Accordance with MGL Ch. 87.5 and the Chapter 260 of the Lowell Code of Ordinances, the Lowell Planning Board will hold a public hearing to hear all interested persons about the proposed removal of nine (9) trees in the vicinity of 375 Merrimack Street with approximate DBHs of 12", 16", 6", 4" and 1" and one (1) tree at 652 Merrimack Street with a DBH of 6". These trees are to be replaced by twenty-two (22) new trees. The removal of these trees is necessary to provide safer pedestrian crossings, updated bus stops and shelters, and bicycle infrastructure.

Data Center Moratorium

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the Lowell Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing to hear all interested persons relative to an ordinance to amend “The Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts,” with respect to Chapter 290, thereof entitled “Lowell Zoning Code” by amending Article II “Definition” to add a definition for ‘Data Centers’, amending Article VII “Special Regulations” by inserting a new Section 7.11 creating a 360 day moratorium on the development of data centers, and amending Article XII “Table of Uses” by adding a ‘Data Centers’ use that is prohibited in all zones.

IV. Other Business

V. Further Comments from Planning Board Members

VI. Adjournment