

Rules of Decorum

A Plan Commission public hearing is a legal proceeding and a quasi-judicial proceeding. The Rules of Decorum for this hearing are similar to a court of law. Any person who violates these rules may be asked to leave the public hearing.

- All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a civil and respectful manner.
- There shall be no comments made from the audience during the proceeding.
- Wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking. Before speaking, please neatly write down your name on the public participation form at the front of the room to help assure accuracy in the meeting minutes.
- Address the Plan Commission Chair with all testimony and questions.
- Be succinct, stay on topic and remain focused on the salient zoning issues.
- There is no applause, booing, obscene language, or personal attacks for the duration for the meeting. Support or oppose an applicant with respect and decorum.
- Address issues, not individuals.
- Signs, banners, posters, flags, etc. are prohibited.
- Attorneys representing entities or objectors shall inform the Chair or Village Staff of their participation in the public hearing. Attorneys shall state on the record their name and the entity or objector(s) they represent. Cross examination shall be guided by the principals of due process and by the general application of the federal and state Rules of Evidence, where applicable. The Village's attorney, if attending that night, will rule on any evidentiary objections.