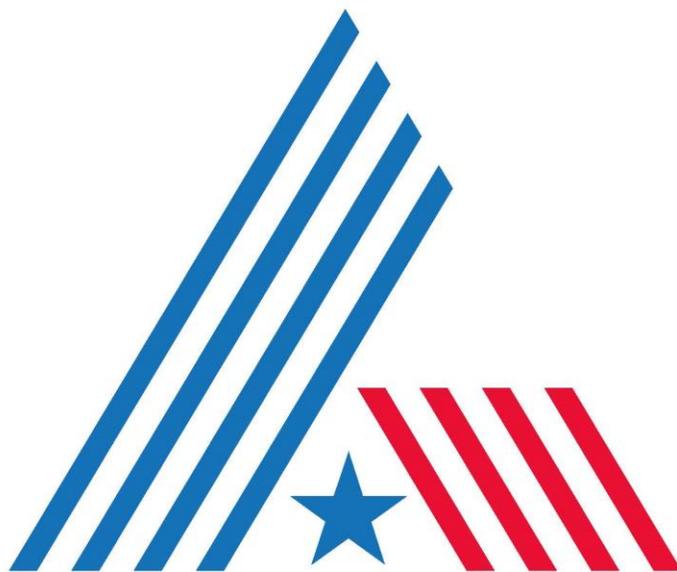


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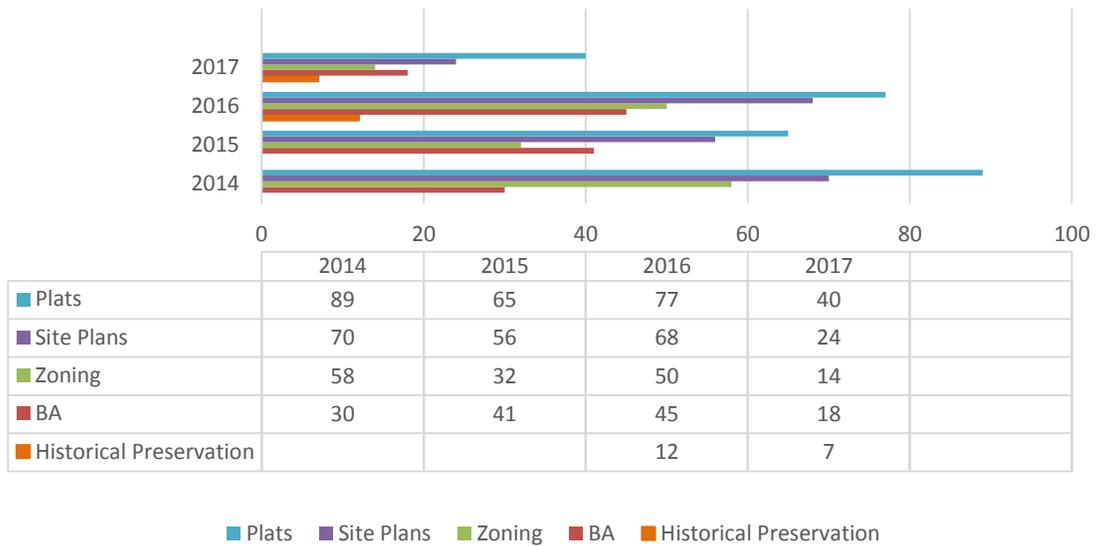
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May 2017

Planning Services

2017 Planning Division Workload

Planning Work Load Metrics



Note: Workload metrics in the division do not currently measure work expended for thoroughfare closures, special projects in support of economic development initiatives, long-term planning projects, specialized programs or ordinance updates/rewrites.

<i>Year-to-Date</i>	Plat Cases	Zoning Cases	Board of Adjustment Cases	Site Plans	Landmarks Applications
<i>2017</i>	40	14	18	24	7



Building Inspections

The Division issued 21 permits for new single family residences, 8 commercial permits, and 23 commercial alterations in May 2017. Year-to-date single family permits are at 175, Commercial at 52, and Commercial Alterations at 149.

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- Rehab Hospital of Abilene - \$2,400,000
- COA Fire Station #7 - \$2,550,000
- COA Fire Station #3 - \$2,631,000
- Abilene Family Medical Office - \$2,300,000

Upcoming Projects: Submitted and in Review

- ACU Tennis Center - \$1,300,000 ready to permit
- The Residence of Autumn Sage - \$4,200,000
- Community Foundation of Abilene - \$1,500,000
- Abilene Village Strip Center - \$3,693,000

Community Enhancement

Environmental Enforcement

Environmental Crimes responded to 33 calls for service. 27 investigations for environmental crimes were conducted. 17 sites were cleaned. 0 citation was issued for environmental crimes. 0 citations were issued for other violations. 0 arrests was made.

Code Compliance

Code officers inspected 337 violations, including violations for junked vehicles 43, grass & weeds 160, unsightly conditions 71, and vehicles parked in yard 50. Code officers were able to close 603 cases during May.

Condemnation/Rehabilitation

During May, six (6) complaints were investigated. The Board of Building Standards (BOBS) reviewed eight (8) cases. Two (2) properties were condemned, and one (1) residential structure



was demolished by the City. Zero (0) residential buildings were demolished by the owner. Three (3) properties were rehabilitated, and three (3) structures were secured.

Neighborhood Initiatives Division

CDBG and HOME Programs and Projects –May 2017

All CDBG and HOME programs and projects benefit low- to moderate-income families/ individuals. The following clients were served and projects completed.

HUD has approved the Consolidated Annual Action Plan for the 2016/2017 fiscal year and the grant funding applications have been signed and returned to HUD. CDBG is funded in the amount of \$806,099 and HOME is funded at \$329,092. Funding for CDBG is down 3.52% and HOME is up 1.78.

The retirement of the Section 108 debt has allowed the CDBG funding of several inter-City programs. Those programs are as follows:

Code Enforcement Officers (CEO) will be funded through the CDBG at \$119,120. This will include the hiring, training and certification of two new code enforcement officers and will address code enforcement and neighborhood enhancement in approximately fourteen (14) Low-Moderate Income (LMI) Super Neighborhoods identified in the City of Abilene Comprehensive Plan. Items that may be addressed by the CEO are the prevention, detection, investigation and enforcement of violations of statutes and ordinances regulating public health, safety and welfare. In addition, Code Enforcement includes the maintenance and preservation of the value and appearance of residential and commercial buildings within its boundaries. The enforcement may also focus on the community, public advertisement displays, garage sales, lawn care, environmental concerns (such as abandoned tires) and the condition and parking of motor vehicles in yards and streets as addressed in City Code and Ordinances. As of May 2017, CEO has addressed 848 cases.

The CEO Condemnation and Demolition Program is the second inter-City program that will be funded through CDBG funds. This program will address Spot Slum Blight National Objective and is funded at \$150,000. This program will be operated by the City's Code Enforcement Officer to identify substandard residential structures in approximately fourteen (14) Low-Moderate Income (LMI) Super Neighborhoods identified in the City of Abilene Comprehensive Plan. In these LMI Neighborhoods the goals are having the properties rehabilitated or demolished and cleared. As of May, 2017, nine (9) YTD substandard houses have been identified.

Critical/Limited Repair Program, CDBG (\$140,869) is one of the most needed and popular programs. This program serves those at the 0-50% Median Family Income (MFI) level. These



repairs are intended to address an urgent need such as broken sewer, gas leaks, plumbing and handicap accessibility. 16 households have received approval, for assistance.

Health Department Dental Services Program, is funded at \$25,000 and will provide high quality low or no-cost oral healthcare services for low-to moderate-income residents of Abilene. The provision of oral healthcare services will include i) preventative care: exams, e-rays, prophylaxis treatments and extractions; 2) restorative care; 3) patient education and wellness counseling. This program will increase client self-esteem and their ability to maintain employment, and reduction of heart disease. These funds will serve an estimated YTD 36 unduplicated patients.

FaithWorks of Abilene, Inc. is a local non-profit, 501(c)(3) and is funded at \$9,160 to purchase and the hard-wired installation of the following kitchen appliances: Two (2) new stoves, refrigerator and dishwasher. This organization serves low-to moderate-income clients who that are seeking job skills training. There is no charge for the training sessions of the unemployed or under employed clients that receive the confidence and skills necessary to enter into gainful employment. The classes help through personal, career, academic and spiritual guidance. As of YTD 39 clients have received assistance.

Access to Jobs is proposed at \$95,915. This program received the highest ranking from the Office of Neighborhood Services, Advisory Council (ONSAC) for the FY16/17 funding cycle. The purpose of this program is to enable low-income persons and persons on public assistance better access to employment or school after regular business hours. Realizing the importance of very low-income households, particularly renters and homeless persons, the City will focus its resources on assisting these families and individuals through economic development programs by providing LMI households a door-to-door service that begins at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 12 a.m. This funding assists CityLink with bus fuel and maintenance issues and helps approximately YTD, 137 unduplicated CDBG income eligible clients have received assistance.

The **First-Time Homebuyer Program** is funded by \$50,000 in HOME funds. Homebuyers must be in the 80% and below median income bracket. ONS has had two (2) YTD FTHB clients.

The **Single-Family Rehab Program**, HOME (\$196,849) assists families that are 80% or below median income. The entire unit must meet City building code upon completion. Three households have been approved and the houses are awaiting the Lead Based Paint assessment. The Reconstruction Program has completed three (3) demos and new build for LMI families. 1142 S. 4th. 1149 Pecan, 1142 Pecan.



Habitat for Humanity, CHDO, HOME (\$91,500) Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funds will provide construction contracts for three (3) single family houses during 2016. All three homebuyers are selected and are working on their sweat equity and volunteer hours. One house is in progress and is approximately 90% complete. Habitat is the only CHDO for the City of Abilene and is working toward complete compliance.

Presbyterian Medical Care Mission, CDBG funded \$11,675. PMCM provides low cost dental services to those whose income is extremely low and cannot afford dental or medical insurance. CDBG funds paid for the purchase and installation of a new dental chair.