



Consider Serving on a City Board, Commission or Committee!

Why Serve?

Democracy relies on the engagement by residents as means of forming better solutions to civic matters. Resident participation must be inclusive of those who identify themselves as interested and or affected by decisions that will be made on issues of relevance to them. Resident participation practices must result in decisions that reflect the community's voice. **The City is very interested in a more diverse group of applicants to reflect our community.**

Responsibility

- Understand your role, scope of responsibility, and be informed of objectives and procedures for your individual board, commission or committee.
- Members should represent the public interest and not a special interest group.
- Members serve as a communication link between the community, staff, and city presenting city programs and recommendations and providing a channel for resident expression.
- Establish good working relationships with other members.
- Advise and make recommendations to the Common Council.

Roles

- **Mayor** chairs Common Council meetings, makes appointments to committees, upon Common Council approval, and is the elected leader of the City.
- **Common Council** is the City's financial body, makes policy, directs city administrator to carry out policy, solicits input from boards, commissions, and committees on issues in its various function areas.
- **Board, Commission, Committee Members** advise Mayor and Common Council on policies that assist Mayor and Council in carrying out their responsibilities, and provide input by being positive representatives of the City.
- **Staff Liaison** Provide support to the boards, commissions, and committees under the guidance of the department head.

Commitment

While responsibility and commitment are somewhat varied for each individual board, commission, or committee, you can expect to attend 1-2 meetings per month of around 1-2 hours each. Meetings are held on weeknights (due to the pandemic, via zoom). Regular attendance is critical to the effective operation of the board, commission, or committee. Terms are typically 1-3 years. This is a volunteer position and is unpaid.

Which Board, Commission, or Committee is right for me?

The city has 25 Boards, Commissions and Committees. Please visit the following page link and read the overview to see if any are of interest you. [Boards, Commissions, and Committees](#)

How to Apply

Please complete the online [Board, Commission, and Committee form](#) on our website. The Mayor will review, interview and recommend an appointment to Common Council for approval.