Boards & Commissions Description List

The City Council appoints all of the members to the City's boards, commissions, and committees. All terms are three years, except the Planning Commission, which are four years. Position vacancies are advertised in the City's newsletter, Hello L.O., and the local newspaper. A General Board & Commission Application Packet is available online that citizens can download, complete online, print and sign, then send in to apply for a future vacancy on any board, commission or commission.

For more information about City boards, commissions, and committees, or their meetings, please call the City Council Office at 503-635-0236. Click here for a list of current Boards and Commissions vacancies.

The **Public Art Committee of the Lake Oswego Arts Council** (www.artscouncillo.org) is responsible for the selection, maintenance and placement of the permanent art collection of the City of Lake Oswego. Members are interviewed by a selection committee comprised of the Lake Oswego City Council and the Foundation for appointment of a three-year term. Members of the committee are landscape architects, docents, art historians and citizens who are interested in the art collection of Lake Oswego. Call the Arts Council office for an application, 503-675-3738.

The **Budget Committee** reviews and discusses the City's proposed annual budget and then forwards their recommendations to the City Council during a public hearing process. It has seven citizen members in addition to the Mayor and City Council. Agendas and approved minutes are available on line.

The **Development Review Commission** reviews development proposals and administers procedures and standards to assure that site designs and building improvements are consistent with applicable standards. It has seven citizen members.

The **50+ Advisory Board** makes recommendations on matters relating to the needs, interests and quality of life of residents who are 50 years of age and over.

The **Historic Resources Advisory Board** promotes the historic, educational, architectural, cultural, and economic welfare of the public through identification, preservation, restoration, and protection of Lake Oswego's structures, sites, objects, and districts of historic and cultural interest. It has seven citizen members and one youth member.

The **Library Advisory Board** recommends written policies to govern the operation, use, and programs of the Library, and makes recommendations with respect to services and facilities. It has seven citizen members and one youth member.

The **Natural Resources Advisory Board** reviews trends in air, water, and land quality within the Urban Service Boundary of the Comprehensive Plan; assists in the development and implementation of plans and policies to protect, restore, and enhance the environmental quality within the Urban Service Boundary; designate Lake Oswego Heritage Trees, and encourages conservation of natural resources and preservation and enhancement of ecosystems, open space, and natural corridors. It has seven citizen members and one youth member.

The **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** assists the City in the use and management of City parks and playing fields for the sporting, cultural, and social enjoyment of the citizens of the City. It also advises the City with regard to park use, planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, and management of public park lands. It has seven citizen members and one youth member.

The **Planning Commission** holds public hearings and makes recommendations to the City Council concerning applications for Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code text and map amendments; coordinates preparation of neighborhood plans; reviews the Capital Improvement Plan for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan; conducts studies and makes recommendations to the Council regarding matters such as growth management, transportation, protection of natural resources, etc.; and encourages citizen involvement in land use matters. It has seven citizen members.

The **Sustainability Advisory Board** promotes the sustainability of the community as a whole, considering public and private actors and their effects on ecological, economic, and community systems. It is guided by the Sustainability City Principles embodied in the City's 2007 Sustainability Plan. It has nine citizen members and two youth members.

The **Transportation Advisory Board** reviews and makes recommendations on requests for neighborhood traffic devices; annually reviews proposed amendments to the City's Capital Improvement Plan; makes recommendations to the Planning Commission regarding the nature and prioritization of street projects; provides advice on the implementation of the Transportation System Plan; provides advice on transportation issues. It has seven citizen members and one youth member.

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