

NEWTOWN COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) ADVISORY BOARD

Serves as the primary source of community input to the CRA and staff regarding community redevelopment activities within the Newtown Community Redevelopment area. Reviews proposed public-private redevelopment projects and recommends to the CRA whether financial or other assistance should be provided, reviews and makes recommendation regarding the proposed annual work program. The board consists of 7 members with the following seat requirements: (1) resident of the Newtown Community Redevelopment area, (1) owner of land in the Newtown Community Redevelopment area, (1) individual involved in planning or design, (1) representative of the Economic Development Council, (1) citizen at large who is a resident of the City who may or may not reside in the Newtown Community Redevelopment Area, (1) retailer or merchant in the Newtown Community Redevelopment area and (1) individual involved in finance or banking. Meetings occur as deemed necessary by the board.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD

Hears and decides cases relating to complaints of public nuisance, with the prosecution being the City Attorney and City Staff, and Plaintiffs being those residents who are an alleged nuisance. The board consists of 7 members who possess the technical, professional, financial, business or administrative skills necessary to accomplish the work of the board. Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of each month, at 6:00 p.m.

PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY BOARD

Makes recommendations with respect to the use, maintenance, and development of parks, parkways, and open spaces, and provides input on the development of creative concepts of beautification and park utilization designed to provide for maximum community benefit. The board consists of 7 members who shall possess the skills necessary to make recommendations relating to use of parks, parkways and open spaces. Meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD/LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

Reviews and makes recommendations on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and other proposed development applications, determines whether specific proposed developments conform to the principles and requirements of the Comprehensive Plan, hears and decides appeals pertaining to denial of temporary commercial activity permits, initiates, proposed amendments to the Zoning Code and hears and decides appeals from a decision regarding adjustments to the Downtown Zone District standards, holds public hearings to make informed decisions on developments and has the authority to request any special studies necessary for determining compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. The board consists of 5 members who possess the technical, professional, financial, business or administrative skills necessary to accomplish the work of the board. Meetings are generally held on 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

Reviews and approves proposals for the provision of public art, advises regarding the acquisition, placement and display of works of art, serves as a liaison between the City and persons or organizations who wish to donate art to the citizens of this community. The board consists of 5 members. Specific membership requirements are as follows: (3) members shall be residents of the city or owners of property within the city, at least (2) members shall be art experts, at least (1) member shall be a member of a local arts organization, (1) member shall be an architect or planner and (1) member shall be a youth representative. Meetings are held quarterly, during the third week of the first month in a quarter, at 3:00 p.m.

ST. ARMANDS SPECIAL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Conducts and administers the business and affairs of the St. Armands Special Business Improvement District. The Board shall consist of 3 members who are subject to ad valorem taxation within the District either personally or through a beneficial ownership in an entity which is subject to ad valorem taxation in the District. Meetings are generally held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m.

VAN WEZEL PERFORMING ARTS HALL ADVISORY BOARD

Represents the community in relations with the Van Wezel and acts as a liaison between the community and the Hall. The board consists of 13 members who possess the technical, professional, financial, business or administrative skills necessary to accomplish the work of the board, plus one lifetime member. The board meets during the season (Sept.- May) on the first Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Provides a youth perspective on issues that affect the City of Sarasota and educates the youth of the City about City government. The board consists of 5-11 members who must attend a high school or reside in the City. The board meets once a month during the school year at City Hall.

To obtain an application for an advisory board or for more information, call the Office of the City Auditor and Clerk at 941-954-4160 or go on-line at www.sarasotagov.com.



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CITY OF SARASOTA ADVISORY BOARDS

A City advisory board/committee is created by Ordinance or Resolution adopted by the City Commission and comprised of citizens serving in a voluntary capacity to provide assistance and advice to the City Commission. Each board provides an annual report to the City Commission. Attendance is important and board members are automatically removed from the board should their absences exceed 25% of all scheduled meetings, including workshops, in a given year unless the board, by majority vote plus one (1), waives an absence.

The City of Sarasota has the following advisory boards:

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Hears and decides on appeals regarding decisions or determinations made by the Building and Zoning Administrator in the enforcement of the Zoning Code and has the authority to grant certain variances within specific guidelines if the Administrator's literal interpretation of the Code is determined to result in an unnecessary or undue hardship. The board consists of 5 members who possess the technical, professional, financial, business or administrative skills necessary to accomplish the work of the board. Meetings are generally held on the last Wednesday of each month, at 1:30 p.m.

BOBBY JONES GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD

Advises the City Commission and the City Manager, or designee, on matters pertaining to the management and operating policies of the Bobby Jones Golf Course. The board consists of 9 member with requirements as follows: (1) Financial services background, (1) Experience managing a recreational facility, (1) Active user of the Bobby Jones facilities, (1) Annual fee-holder at Bobby Jones, (1) Experience in the fields of landscape or horticulture, (1) Youth representative from the First Tee Program who may also be a member of the STAR Program, (1) Participant in the Greater Sarasota Junior Golf Association Program who may also be a member of the STAR Program, (1) Experience promoting environmental conservation and (1) Marketing experience. Meetings are called by the Chair or Vice-Chair.

BUILDING BOARD OF RULES AND APPEALS

Hears appeals, approves alternative standards to model building codes, certifies contractors, hears and decides whether to suspend or revoke a contractor certificate of competency, deny issuance or renewal of certificates, imposes fines, or denies the issuance of building permits for cause. The board consists of 9 members. Membership requirements are: (1) licensed architect, (1) licensed engineer, (1) licensed mechanical contractor, (1) licensed general or building contractor, (1) licensed fire sprinkler contractor, (1) licensed fire alarm contractor, (1) licensed electrical contractor, (1) licensed plumbing contractor, (2) members who possess the education, experience and knowledge to make judgments on the Florida Building Code and Florida Fire Prevention Code, and (3) consumer representatives. Meetings are generally held once per quarter.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Reviews the entire City Charter and make recommendations for additions, deletions or modifications to the text of the current Charter as deemed appropriate. The Committee consists of 10 members appointed by the Commission. All members of the Charter Review Committee must be registered voters in the City as of the date of their appointment. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

CITIZEN TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Conducts an annual review of the expenditures appropriated from the sales tax proceeds from the Local Government Infrastructure Sales Tax Extension and reviews any changes made to the Infrastructure project list or to the allocation of sales tax proceeds among the projects to ensure that all procedural requirements have been followed. The Committee consists of 10 members who are appointed by the Commission, with each Commissioner appointing two (2) members. Meetings are held annually on the 1st Thursday in December at 2:00 p.m.

CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

Works toward the creation of a barrier-free environment, studies accessibility by persons with disabilities to areas such as sidewalks, buildings, recreational facilities and parking within the city and makes recommendations to the City Commission. The board consists of 5 members who possess the technical, professional, financial, business or administrative skills necessary to make recommendations on matters concerning accessibility of persons with disabilities. Meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday bi-monthly, at 10:00 a.m.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

Hears and assists in settling disputes involving City personnel and management and has the authority to make recommendations to the City Manager and/or City Commission regarding the disposition of personnel disputes. The board consists of 5 members who possess the technical, professional, financial, business or administrative skills necessary to make recommendations on personnel related matters. Meetings are held as necessary.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) ADVISORY BOARD

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DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Serves as the policy making body of the Downtown Improvement District, approves all contracts of the District, and assures that the representatives of the District implement the enhanced improvements and services set forth by the Commission. The Board shall consist of 5 members, who are non-residential property owners subject to ad valorem taxation within the District. Meetings are generally held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Recommends the designation of historically significant structures and archaeologically significant sites, the designation of historically significant districts, approves applications for moving permits, and reviews recommendations for local properties being referred to the National Register of Historic Places. The board consists of 7 members, with the following seat requirements: (2) licensed architects from the local chapter of AIA, or one such architect and one licensed architect from the local chapter of the American Institute of Landscape Architects, (1) general or specialty contractor, or a registered professional engineer, (1) local finance or business community member, (1) member from the Florida Bar Association, (1) practicing professional historian or archaeologist or who holds a degree in history, art history or archaeology and (1) member from the community at large. Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 3:00 p.m.

HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Prepares, carries out, acquires, leases and operates housing projects; provides for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, alteration or repair of any housing project and investigates housing conditions and means and methods of improving such conditions. The Board consists of 7 members who shall have reputations for integrity and community service and who have demonstrated an interest in the type of activity pertaining to the purpose of the Board. One member shall be a resident who is current in rent in a housing project. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD

Promotes and encourages fair treatment and equal opportunity for all persons and promotes mutual understanding and respect among all economic, social, racial, religious and ethnic groups and their members and hears complaints alleging a violation of Article I, Section 5, of the Charter of the City. The board consists of 7 members who possess the technical, professional, financial, business, or administrative skills necessary to accomplish the work of the board. The board meets every other month on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.