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Council- Appointed Committees 5th Update

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Goals for Tonight's Discussion

- Recap progress to date: committee purposes, administrative changes, appointments
- Discuss city attorney recommendations on adopting code changes
- Review previous recommendations for standing committees
- Discuss recommendations for 4 remaining non-regulatory standing committees



Proposed Approach to Re-Establish and Recruit For

Clarify Purpose and Charge of Committees

- Purpose or Charge of Committees
- Number of Committees
- Committee Structure
 - Size
 - Term Lengths
 - Operational Requirements
- Selection Criteria

Adopt Code Changes and Review Administrative Committee Function(s)

- Application and Administrative Processes
- Orientation Program
- Code of Conduct and Reporting Mechanism
- Equity Training
- Adopt Code Changes

Create a New Recruitment Strategy for Committees

- Explore ways to increase diversity on committees
 - Outreach Approaches
 - Compensation/ Incentives

March 2021

April 2021

May 2021

Key Recommendations: Quasi Judicial & Regulatory Committees

Retain 5 groups:

- Board of Elections
- COLTA
- Ethics Commission
- Police Pension Board
- Tree Commission

Discontinue one group:

- Personnel Appeals Board
- Reconsider one group within broader context:
Noise Control Board

Adopt common structure for 5 groups:
7-9 members
2 3-year terms, total 6 years
(exception: BOE)



Standing Committees to Retain

- Arts and Humanities Commission
- Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Grants Review Committee
- Recreation Committee (possible renaming)
- Youth Council

Recommend:

- Retain the committee and its overall purposes
- Appoint/reappoint members
- Work with committee on minor code and other revisions
- Implement common structure and membership
- Exceptions: Emergency Preparedness institutional members, perhaps AHC non-resident artists, Youth Council unique



Revised Core Charge For Standing Committees, Boards, and Commissions

- Provide the Council with **tangible recommendations** in key **priority areas** or fulfill the City's **regulatory** functions and requirements
- Leverage **residents'** technical **expertise** and **lived experiences** to inform City policies and programs
- Ensure that the Council has regular and timely **information** to use when considering its priorities or important issues
- Create an opportunity to **engage residents** on issues that are important to them as well as enable residents to assist in community education and engagement activities in their priority areas



Revised Factors to Prioritize Need for Specific Standing Committees

Primary

- Work supports Council's priorities or a continuing City structural purpose
- Issue is well addressed by a standing committee
- Ongoing attention needed on the issue
- Staff capacity to support committee

Secondary

- Need for technical expertise and/or lived experience
- Issue is relevant and important to residents
- Can existing entity do the work?



Current Standing Committees: Consider Changes

Committee, Board, Commission	Purpose	Membership
Façade Advisory Board	Advise on commercial façade designs in historic area	7 voting members, various categories 2 3-year terms
Commemoration Commission	Commemorations, memorials and recognitions Establish and administer program Parks and streets renaming	5-9 voting, 4 non-voting members, no term limits In practice, 5 current members
Nuclear Free Committee	Oversee compliance & education for city nuclear-free zone act Propose socially responsible investment policy	7 members in code, 3 in practice 2-year terms, no term limits
Complete Safe Streets	Advise on transportation-related issues Encourage alternatives to driving	Up to 11 members, 3 2-year terms, recently far fewer Currently on self-imposed hiatus
Committee on the Environment	Advise on all environmental issues including climate Partner on environmental certifications	11-15 members, various categories; 3 2-year terms Currently disbanded

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Committee, Board, Commission	Purpose	Key Issues
Façade Advisory Board	Advise on commercial façade designs in historic area	Discontinue as a standing committee Ask current members for rec's moving forward
Commemoration Commission	Commemorations, memorials and recognitions Establish and administer program	City staff take on major tasks Discontinue as a standing committee, and reappoint current members for 3-6 months or as separate working group, ask for rec's moving forward
Nuclear Free Committee	Oversee compliance and education for city nuclear-free zone act	Can city staff fulfill ordinance tasks and intent Discontinue as a standing committee, and reappoint current members for 3-6 months or as separate working group, ask for rec's moving forward
Complete Safe Streets	Advise on transportation-related issues Encourage alternatives to driving	Very broad charge Discontinue as standing committee; consider future task force on Vision Zero policies
Committee on the Environment	Advise on all environmental issues including climate Partner on environmental certifications	Reform as a standing committee for Sustainable MD Encourage staff-level working groups on specific technical topics. Consider future task force on climate policies if needed

Role of Council in Standing Committees

To get:

- Tangible recommendations
- Leverage resident experience
- Timely information
- Community engagement

Council Roles:

- Make appointments
- Regular interaction & feedback on work
- Annual review of purpose & charge
- Hear periodic reports or recommendations
- Assist with recruiting and outreach



Thank you!!!!

Please let us know if you have any questions about the ideas outlined in this presentation!

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