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### **Council- Appointed Committees**

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# **Goals for Tonight's Discussion**

- Summarize changes in draft code language
- (Sept. 8: next draft of code language; Sept. votes to adopt code changes)
- Flag areas with city attorney recommendations
- Finalize stipend amount and coverage
- Review next steps for Council



# **Code Changes: Advisory Committees**

### 2.16 Article 2 Advisory committees generally

- Members: City residents
- Common committee purposes
- Annual reports and council reviews/feedback
- Committee size: up to 9 members, lower minimum number (not 7)
- Six-year term limit with 1 year hiatus before reapplying
- Two-year terms, staggered term appointments only to start
- Require adherence to Code of Conduct
- Meetings: when & where & how often as broad as possible
- **Highlight:** city attorney rec of no term limits or allow exceptions where needed for continued operation



### **Code Changes: Specific Advisory Committees**

#### Articles 2-7

- Tree Commission, Stormwater Board moved to other sections of code
- Commemoration Commission discontinued, still plan to consult members on transition
- Complete Safe Streets Committee discontinued
- Arts & Humanities, Emergency Preparedness, Recreation Committees -- minor edits, more to come
- Green Team, not Committee on the Environment
- Grants Review Committee and Youth Council codified
- This winter city attorney will propose technical changes for consistency
- **Highlight**: Green Team duties, Recreation Committee name change



## **Code Changes: Boards and Commissions**

### 2.17 Boards and Commissions generally

- Not as easy to make general changes—unintended consequences
- Each group already has its own charges, procedures
- City attorney proposes staggered 3 and 4-year terms for continuity without term limits
- City attorney proposes not changing Board/Commission sizes at this time (2.17.020 D2)
- Changes to some Board/Commissions such as Ethics Commission (such as terms) require state approval
- New 2.17.025 to avoid potential unintended conflicts of language
- **Highlight:** City attorney recs no term limits, longer terms, retain group sizes for now



### **Other Code Changes: Specific Groups**

- Chapter 4.04 Civil Service discontinues Personnel Board
- Chapter 8.40 discontinues Façade Advisory Board, retains design standards
- 12.40 Tree Commission authorization is here, raises to 7 members
- 14.04 discontinues Nuclear Free Committee (04.110), does not substantively change requirements of City, simply reassigns some functions, still plan to consult members on transition
- 14.12 retains Noise Board for now, raises to 7 members
- Police Pension Board not part of these code revisions



## **Code Changes: Exceptions**

Exceptions that may not yet be in draft code:

- COLTA allow non-resident rental property owners
- Emergency Preparedness Committee retain institutional members (non-residents)
- Elections Board extend term limit to three 3-year terms
- Arts & Humanities allow non-resident members who work or have art business in TP



## **Recommended City Committees**

#### **Retain 5 commissions & boards**

- Board of Elections (BOE)
- COLTA
- Ethics Commission
- Tree Commission
- Noise Control Board (Retain for now, don't seek new members, consider within broader context)

#### **Retain 6 advisory committees**

- Arts and Humanities Committee (AHC)
- Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Grants Review Committee
- Recreation Committee (expand name)
- Green Team
- Youth Council (application period over)



## **Member Supports**

- Stipends: estimated cost difference between \$40 and \$30 stipend for all groups \$5k, for quasi J&R groups only \$3k (\$40 stipend estimated total \$30k for all)
- Youth Council stipend estimate \$4k more (11 members, frequent meetings, half take SSL hours)
- Total dollar cap for childcare & transportation costs \$10k to meet estimated need



### **Next Steps**

Actively recruit in wards and with community groups (Aug.-Sept.) Newsletter, Fall guide, Night Out table, flyers to start
Formally approve funds for stipends (Sept.)
Consider & approve code changes (Sept.)
Appointments by Oct. 15; subgroup to review applicants (early Oct.)
Work with committees on minor Code changes as needed
Annual review & feedback on committee charges and tasks (Jan.)





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

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