



Advisory Boards and Committees

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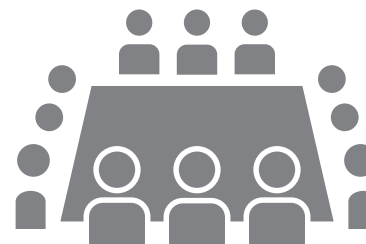
IN MESA WE ARE COMMITTED TO SERVICE

Mesa residents are invited to participate in the process of City of Mesa government. One of the most effective ways to provide input is through service on one of the City's citizen advisory boards and committees.

Members of these advisory boards and committees are appointed by the Mayor and City Council and serve as decision-makers for many City of Mesa programs and projects.

Serving on a board or committee is an opportunity for you to make a difference in your community. Through this service, civic-minded citizens become involved in their local government and make recommendations to the Mesa City Council. The City, in turn, benefits from the knowledge, experience and expertise of citizens.

This brochure provides a brief overview of each board and committee's function. It includes information on primary responsibilities, term lengths and meeting schedules.



CITY OF MESA COUNCIL



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Councilmember, District 2



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Councilmember, District 4



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Councilmember, District 5



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Councilmember, District 6

Board of Adjustment

Made up of seven members appointed to three-year terms, this board conducts public hearings to hear and decide upon requests for variances, special use permits, and interpretations of the City of Mesa Ordinance and Sign Code.

Building Board of Appeals

This board consists of nine members who are qualified by experience and training to pass judgment upon matters pertaining to building and construction. The board hears appeals from determinations made by the Building Safety Director and/or Fire Marshal, provides reasonable interpretations of the building and fire regulations, determines the suitability of alternate materials and alternate methods of construction, and recommends changes to the various building and fire codes. Members serve three-year terms.

Design Review Board

This seven-member board is comprised of two architects, two from other design professions (i.e. landscape architecture, engineering, urban planning, interior design or other design-related background), one contractor or developer, and two citizens. For a full explanation of the duties and responsibilities of the board, see Chapter 71 of the Zoning Ordinance. Members are appointed to three-year terms.

Economic Development Advisory Board

This eleven-member board acts as the advisory board to the City Council on matters pertaining to economic development, including goal setting, strategic planning, marketing and business recruitment, retention and expansion. Membership consists of up to six ex-officio non-voting members. Three of the ex-officio members being the Mayor, City Manager, and the President and CEO of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce, and five

may be City of Mesa representatives that are currently sitting on the Greater Phoenix Economic Council Board of Directors. Members are appointed to three year terms.

Historic Preservation Board

This board consists of seven members who are residents of the City at large. Members serve three-year terms and shall be selected from the areas of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, landscape architecture, archaeology, cultural geography or anthropology, or have demonstrated strong interest in past matters that involve historic preservation issues.

Housing & Community Development Advisory Board

This eleven-member board is ideally composed of six housing representatives and five other members from the community. The board shall review and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the City's General Plan Housing Element and Housing Master Plan. Members serve three-year terms.

Human Relations Advisory Board

This board is made up of eleven City of Mesa residents who serve three-year terms. The board shall advise the City Council about racial, religious, ethnic, cultural, disability, or other human relations issues affecting Mesa City government and the delivery of City services.

Judicial Advisory Board

The purpose of this board is to recommend to the City Council the best qualified persons to become City Magistrates, and to evaluate the performance of appointed Magistrates and advise the City Council about retaining them. The board is composed of seven persons who meet specific member requirements as stated in the Code. Members are appointed to three-year terms.

Library Advisory Board

This board is composed of nine persons appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Board makes recommendations of conditions for acceptance of contributions for the benefit of the library, hours and policies for operations of the library and the development and management of collections.

Merit System Board

Three City residents make up this board and it is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the City Manager concerning the Personnel Rules.

Museum & Cultural Advisory Board

This board consists of eleven members appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council to serve a term of three-years. The board shall advise the Council regarding policies pertaining to the development of City museums, arts centers, cultural services, and the Public Arts Program.

Parks & Recreation Board

This board advises the Council on policy matters relating to the operation and development of all City parks and recreational facilities, including all City-owned or operated golf courses, and on the recreational program of the City. The board is made up of eleven members who serve terms of three years each.

Personnel Appeals Board

This board is made up of five members who must reside within the Mesa city limits and cannot simultaneously hold any other City office. The board only meets as needed to conduct hearings and make recommendations to the City Manager concerning action on employee grievances, demotions, suspensions, and dismissals. Members are appointed to three-year terms.

Planning & Zoning Board

This board conducts hearings and makes recommendations to the City Council on requests for changes in zoning and on required site plans. They also consider and recommend changes in the City's long-range plans and in the Municipal Code concerning planning and zoning matters. The board is made up of seven Mesa citizens who shall hold no other City office. Members serve three-year terms.

Public Safety Personnel Retirement – Fire & Police Pension Boards

Pursuant to statute, each board is a separate board, composed of the Mayor of Mesa or his/her designee, two members elected by secret ballot by members of the appropriate Department, and two citizens who are appointed by the Mayor of Mesa with the approval of the City Council.

Self-Insurance Board of Trustees

This board is made up of five residents of the City who serve three-year terms. One member shall be a Councilmember, one shall be an employee of the City; and none of the other three members shall be either Council- members or employees of the City. The board shall act in an advisory role with regard to the financial viability of the Property and Public Liability, Employee Benefits, and Workers' Compensation Trust Funds.

Transportation Advisory Board

This board consists of eleven resident citizens and electors of the City who have a background or strong interest in transportation issues. Members serve three-year terms. The board assists and advises the Council in developing a community-based, multi-modal surface transportation system that provides mobility for all, complements land use, and improves air quality.