

Advisory Board Consolidation



Current status of advisory boards

- 15 active advisory boards that meet monthly or quarterly
- Meetings are staffed by the department director, or designee, and the City Clerk department.
- Public Communications streams or televises meetings.
- Sentry security officer is needed for meetings held outside of the Main Library operating hours.

List of current advisory boards

No recommend changes at this time:

- Brownfields Advisory Board – meets as needed, required for federal grants
- Civil Service Board – meets as needed
- Marine Advisory Board – meets quarterly
- Neighborhood and Affordable Housing Advisory Board – meets monthly, required for federal and state housing funds
- Public Art and Design Advisory Board – meets quarterly, required for the administration of public art and design program

List of current advisory boards

No recommend changes at this time:

- Sister Cities Advisory Board – meets quarterly
- Building Flood Board of Adjustment and Appeals – meets as needed
- Community Development Board – meets monthly
- Municipal Code Enforcement Board – meets monthly
- Pension Advisory Committee – meets bimonthly

List of current advisory boards

Changes being recommended:

- Airpark Advisory Board – meets quarterly, eliminate
- Environmental Advisory Board – meets quarterly, combine
- Library Advisory Board – meets quarterly, combine
- Nuisance Abatement Board – meets as needed, eliminate
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – meets quarterly, combine

Airpark Advisory Board

- Established 1991
- Comprised of five members and meets quarterly
- Purpose - initiate studies and make recommendations on airpark matters to City Council
- Past two years, the Board has received staff updates, approved minutes, elected a Chair and Vice Chair, supported the proposed name change of facility, and provided feedback regarding the lease agreement process

Airpark Advisory Board

- Recommend disbanding board.
 - Board created prior to contracting an FBO
 - Current FBO meets with various stakeholders at facility without Sunshine constraints
 - Board does not have a budget to initiate studies or the authority to direct staff to implement a study
 - Other city facilities leased to a third party are not constrained by an advisory board (Clearwater Sailing Center, Clearwater Country Club, Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club)
 - Residents and stakeholders may still raise concerns with city council or the city manager directly

Nuisance Abatement Board

- Established 2015
- Comprised of seven members and meets as needed
- Purpose - Conducts hearings on public nuisance cases associated with prostitution and drug-related activities on known properties throughout Clearwater
- The board last met on December 6, 2023
- Recommend disbanding board and directing cases to the Municipal Code Enforcement Board or the magistrate, both processes already established

Library Board

- Established 1971
- Comprised of seven members and meets quarterly
- Purpose - make recommendations pertaining to the management and use of the library system, including the establishment of rules and regulations governing the use of the library by the public
- Past two years, the Board has received staff updates, approved minutes, and elected a Chair and Vice Chair
- Recommend consolidating board with another

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

- Established 1973
- Comprised of seven members and meets quarterly
- Purpose - advise the city manager and other municipal officers regarding the physical condition of, improvements on, and beautification of the public parks and playgrounds; shall make recommendations regarding the development of city property as public parks and playgrounds

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

- Past two years, the Board has received staff updates, public comments regarding desired improvements, approved minutes, elected a Chair and Vice Chair, recommended naming a ballfield after Larry Dowd, and provided feedback regarding programming at The Sound and Coachman Park
- Recommend consolidating board with another

Environmental Advisory Board

- Established 1994
- Comprised of five members and meets quarterly
- Purpose - Identify and assess significant environmental objectives, and review and provide recommendations to city council on selected environmental programs and projects
- Past two years, the board has received staff updates, public comments regarding green initiatives, and presentations by staff and a local advocacy group. The board has drafted several position letters to council on various initiatives
- Recommend consolidating board with another

Community Engagement and Leisure Services Board

- Establish new bimonthly board
- Comprised of seven members
- Purpose – provide feedback and guidance to city council on endeavors that enhance sustainable recreation, parks and cultural programs at city facilities and foster community interest in events and initiatives that promote community well-being
 - Board will engage community by holding outreach sessions on topics or initiatives supporting the City's strategic plan:
 - Community Well-Being
 - Environmental Stewardship
 - Seek public input regarding services and programs at city facilities

Questions?