

BOARD AND COMMISSION INFORMATION

Architectural Review Board (Regular Meetings: 1 per month or as necessary) -- The ARB is charged with regulating the design of development in the city's non-historic residential neighborhoods and the Commercial Business District (CBD) zoning district. The goal of this regulation is to ensure that new development in these areas respects and is compatible with the traditional architecture of adjacent properties and the overall area, in terms of both scale and style. The membership of the ARB shall consist of the members of the Avondale Estates Historic Preservation Commission.

Board of Appeals (Regular Meetings: meets as necessary) -- The Board hears appeals where there is an alleged error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the City's Building Official. The Board also authorizes variances from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the conditions listed in the ordinance and decides on other matters where the Board's decision is necessary. The Board is comprised of five (5) members who are residents of the city. The members are appointed by the BOMC and each serve 3-year terms.

Downtown Development Authority (Regular Meetings: 1 per month or as necessary) -- The DDA's mission is to oversee the revitalization and redevelopment of the central business districts and to develop and promote for the public good and general welfare trade, commerce, industry and employment opportunities. The DDA is comprised of seven directors. Three directors must be City residents, and at least four directors shall be persons who, in the judgement of the governing body of the municipal corporation, either have or represent a party who has an economic interest in the redevelopment and revitalization of the downtown development area. The directors are appointed by the BOMC and each serve 4-year terms. The directors also serve as the Main Street Board.

Ethics Board (Regular Meetings: meets as necessary) -- The Ethics Board is responsible for hearing complaints of violations of Article VII, Code of Ethics for City Officials of the Municipal Code. The Board is comprised of three (3) members who are residents of the city, one appointed by the mayor, one appointed by a majority vote of the BOMC, and the third -- who shall be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia -- appointed by the two above named subject to approval by a majority of the BOMC. The members each serve 5-year terms.

Historic Preservation Commission (Regular Meetings: 1 per month or as necessary) -- The HPC administers the City's historic preservation ordinance and is part of the planning function of the City. The HPC is comprised of five (5) members who are residents of the city. A majority of the members shall be appointed from among professionals in the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, archaeology, or other historic preservation-related disciplines, such as urban planning, American studies, American civilization, cultural geography, cultural anthropology, real estate, law, or landscape architecture, and all shall have demonstrated special interest, competence or knowledge in historic preservation.

Lake Avondale Advisory Board (Regular Meetings: meets as necessary) -- The Board provides expert advice to the City in preserving the beauty and vitality of Lake Avondale. The Board is comprised of five (5) members who are residents of the city and have experience in watershed/lake management, natural resource management, environmental management and environmental engineering. The Board reviews the conditions of the lake and its surrounding areas and makes recommendations to the BOMC for lake improvement projects.

Personnel Board (Regular Meetings: meets as necessary) -- The Board performs all functions previously assigned to the BOMC in the Personnel Management System manual, which is on file with the City Clerk. The Board is comprised of five (5) members who are residents of the city. The members are appointed by resolution of the BOMC and each serve 4-year terms.

Planning and Zoning Board (Regular Meetings: meets as necessary) -- The Board reviews applications for change in land use and other items as required by ordinance and makes recommendations to the BOMC who makes the final decision to approve or deny an applicant's request during a public hearing on the proposal. The Board is comprised of five (5) members who are residents of the city. The members are appointed by the BOMC and each serve 4-year terms.

Tree Board/Environmental Committee (Regular Meetings: meets as necessary) -- It is the responsibility of the city tree board/environmental committee to study, investigate, counsel and advise the city manager who will administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. The members are appointed by the Mayor and serve 2-year terms.