

Advisory Boards and Commissions

Board of Canvassers

Purpose: Responsible for canvassing votes for all City elections.

Meeting Dates/Times: Odd years in August and May

Overseen by Clerk's Office (616.355.1301)

Board of Public Works

Purpose: To oversee matters relating to the planning, operation, and maintenance of the City's electric, water and wastewater utility operations; governing board

Meeting Dates/Times: 1st Monday after 1st Wednesday at 4:00pm

Overseen by Board of Public Works Administration (616. 355.1500)

Board of Review

Purpose: Carry out the City's power to tax

Meeting Dates/Times: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday in March; 3rd Monday in July, and 2nd Monday in December

Overseen by Assessor's Office (616.355.1350)

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Purpose: Provides recommendations to City Council on projects & economic development incentives for the development/ redevelopment of sites with environmental contamination or sites determined to be functionally obsolete

Meeting Dates/Times: 4th Tuesday at 11:30am

Overseen by Finance Department in conjunction with City Manager's Office (616.355.1370; 616.355.1310)

Building Authority

Purpose: Provides funding mechanism through the issuance of bonds to provide financing for public building projects.

Meeting Dates/Times: Meets a minimum of once a year while bonds are active.

Overseen by City Manager's Office (616.355.1310)

CATV Advisory Commission

Purpose: Promote local public access television programming; advise Council on service/performance of any cable television provider; advise Council of new developments in cable television field

Meeting Dates/Times: Quarterly, based on member schedules

Overseen by City Manager's Office (616.355.1310)

Community Development Advisory Committee

Purpose: To provide citizen input/oversight of the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funding received by the City; provide funding recommendations to City council for the uses of annual CDBG allocations; provide advice/recommendations on policies for CDBG-funding programs

Meeting Dates/Times: Thursday at 7:00am, as needed

Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

Community Pool Authority

Purpose: Provides oversight of Holland Aquatic Center

Meeting Dates/Times: Quarterly as needed.

Overseen by Volunteer Services/ Mayor's Office (616.355.1314)

Compensation Commission

Purpose: Makes determinations and recommendations on salary of elected City officials

Meeting Dates/Times: Odd years in May

Overseen by Clerk's Office (616.355.1301)

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Construction Board of Appeals

Purpose: Grants variances and makes interpretations in regards to the Michigan Building Code and Michigan Residential Code

Meeting Dates/Times: As Needed

Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

Corridor Improvement Authority - Columbia Arts District

Purpose: To create a commercial corridor to promote economic growth delineated in the acts as the Columbia Art District

Meeting Dates/Times: Quarterly (check Community & Neighborhood Services for schedule)

Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

Dangerous Structures Hearing Officers

Purpose: Control and abatement of dangerous buildings in accordance with State law

Meeting Dates/Times: Scheduled as needed

Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

Design Review Board

Purpose: Review downtown signage for public and private signs and other design issues in the C-3 district

Meeting Dates/Times: 3rd Mondays at 3:30pm

Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1050)

[Note - Members of this board are appointed by the Downtown Development Authority.]

District Library Board

Purpose: Oversight of the operations of Herrick District Library and its branches; governing board

Meeting Dates/Times: Last Thursday at 4:00pm

Overseen by Herrick District Library (616.355.3100)

Downtown Development Authority

Purpose: To review downtown issues and set police and/or make decision on gamut of issues

Meeting Dates/Times: 2nd Thursday at 4:00pm

Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1050)

Downtown Parking Board

Purpose: Oversee and facilitate downtown parking issues and the Downtown Parking Strategic Plan

Meeting Dates/Times: 4th Thursday at 8:30am

Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1050)

[Note - Members of this board are appointed by the Principal Shopping District Board.]

Historic District Commission

Purpose: To oversee the Historic District Ordinance. Charged with oversight according to the ordinance of properties of historical and/or architectural significance in the City.

Meeting Dates/Times: 1st Thursday at 4:00pm

Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

Holland Hospital Board

Purpose: To oversee governance of the Hospital Authority to insure quality medical service is available to the community.

Meeting Dates/Times: 3rd Tuesday at 4:00pm

Overseen by Holland Hospital

Housing Board of Appeals

Purpose: Empowered to grant variances from the Housing-Property maintenance code; hears applications and makes decisions monthly or as needed at a public hearing.

Meeting Dates/Times: 1st Tuesday at 6:00pm

Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

Housing Task Force

Purpose: To update the 1995 Housing Goals and Policy Document

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Meeting Dates/Times: Mondays at 4:00pm, as needed
Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

Human Relations Commission

Purpose: To consult with/advise City Council on equal rights/opportunities affecting all Holland citizens; to promote social/cultural understanding by discouraging/preventing discrimination, conducting studies, investigations, and other activities that improve relationships among all citizens, protecting their equal rights in housing, education, employment and public services

Meeting Dates/Times: 3rd Thursday at 6:00pm
Overseen by Human Relations Department (616.355.1328)

International Relations Commission

Purpose: To promote international/cross-cultural knowledge, awareness, understanding, and sensitivity through interactions within the community and across borders.

Meeting Dates/Times: 1st Thursday at 4:30pm
Overseen by Human Relations Department (616.355.1328)

Leisure & Cultural Services Commission

Purpose: To review/provide recommendations to Council regarding diverse leisure & cultural services intended to improve neighborhoods/services for citizens that enhance the quality of life through its parks, recreational programs, and other leisure activities for the benefit of the health, safety and general welfare of the City.

Meeting Dates/Times: 4th Tuesday at 4:00pm
Overseen by Leisure & Cultural Services Department (616.355.1130)

Macatawa Area Express Transit Authority

Purpose: Regional authority responsible for oversight in regards to the operation and maintenance of the Macatawa Area Express (MAX) Transit System

Meeting Dates/Times: 4th Monday at 3:30pm
Overseen by Macatawa Area Express Transit Administration

Ourstreet Commission

Purpose: Oversight of the Ourstreet Program, ensuring that the target area committees follow the program concepts

Meeting Dates/Times: 4th Tuesday at 6:30pm
Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

Planning Commission

Purpose: Responsible for the planning of the physical development of the City, including planning for new/changing land uses, recommending zoning ordinance/map changes, reviewing/approving subdivisions and site plans and advising on other aspects of the physical environment

Meeting Dates/Times: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays: 4:00pm - Study Session; 5:00pm - Public Hearing
Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

Police-Community Relations Commission

Purpose: To provide understanding of the Police Department activities and communicate information to the community; to provide awareness of current community problems and address issues arising in the community.

Meeting Dates/Times: 1st Thursday at 4:00pm
Overseen by Police Department (616.355.1100)

Principal Shopping District

Purpose: Review and make decisions on marketing, advertising, community, public relations and membership of the Downtown.

Meeting Dates/Times: 1st Thursday at 8:00am
Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

Sustainability Committee

Purpose: Assists the City Council and Board of Public Works with increasing the level of public understanding of sustainability issues and challenges; will offer recommendations to both groups on initiatives, policies and projects which are of a "green" nature.

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Meeting Dates/Times: 3rd Mondays, 5:00pm

Overseen by Board of Public Works Administration (616.355.1500) & Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

Teen Court Advisory Committee

Purpose: To advise City Council on issues related to the Teen Court program, a peer court for 1st time juvenile offenders

Meeting Dates/Times: Monthly as needed.

Overseen by Human Relations Department (616.355.1323)

Tulip Time Board

Purpose: Serve as a liaison between the City of Holland and Tulip Time, Inc. relating to the Tulip Time Festival

Meeting Dates/Times: 4th Tuesday at 3:30pm

Overseen by Tulip Time, Inc.

West Michigan Airport Authority

Purpose: Regional authority responsible for governance of Tulip City Airport including operations, maintenance, capital projects, marketing and other administrative functions

Meeting Dates/Times: 2nd Monday at 11:30am

Overseen by City Manager's Office (616.355.1311)

Youth Advisory Council

Purpose: Makes recommendations to staff and Council in regards to youth leadership programs and opportunities in the City

Meeting Dates/Times: 2nd Thursday at 6:15pm

Overseen by Human Relations Department (616.355.1323)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Purpose: To hear requests for variances from the zoning ordinance and other zoning requests as described by ordinance. To make interpretations of the zoning ordinance upon request of staff or applicant.

Meeting Dates/Times: 4th Thursday: 5:00pm - Study Session; 6:00pm - Public Meeting

Overseen by Community & Neighborhood Services (616.355.1330)

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