Advisory Boards and Commissions

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)

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 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)

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 Prinicipal 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

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)

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

Neighborhood Improvement Committee

Purpose: Serves in an advisory capacity to City Council in regards to Neighborhood improvements, programs, and housing needs.
Meeting Dates/Times: 3rd Thursday at 4:00 pm
Overseen by Community and Neighborhood Services

Parks and Recreation 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)

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.
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)

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