

Boards & Commissions

ARTS COMMISSION

The Arts Commission was created to help enrich the lives of the people of this region by making visual, performing and literary arts vital elements in the life of our community. The Commission works to support local artists through networking, skill development and visibility through a variety of unique opportunities.

The Arts Commission is charged with accomplishing the following: To promote and encourage public programs to further the development and public awareness of, and interest in, the fine and performing arts and the cultural heritage of the area; and to advise the City Council in connection with the artistic and cultural development of the Olympia area; and to provide local artistic and cultural services to citizens of the Olympia area by making available to the City and its citizens expertise on the subject of visual and performing arts and cultural heritage; and to encourage donations, grants or other support to further expand artistic, cultural programs, and services for citizens of the Olympia area; and to reach out to and work with the governments, institutions and citizens of neighboring jurisdictions in connection with these purposes, and ultimately to include representatives of said jurisdictions on the Commission.

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy Term Ends: Mar 31, 2018
Position: Commissioner

Upcoming Vacancies



Diana Fairbanks
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Position: Commissioner



Rick Perry
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Position: Commissioner

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was established to advise the City Council on the encouragement and facilitation of the use of bicycles and walking as regular means of transportation or recreation, and provide for pedestrian and bicycle safety needs.

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy Term Ends: Sep 01, 2019
Position: Committee Member



Immediate Vacancy Term Ends: Mar 31, 2018
Category: Joe Ford vacancy

Upcoming Vacancies



David Copley
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Position: Vice Chair



Rebecca Brown
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Position: Committee Member



Scott Morgan
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Position: Committee Member



Jan P Vleck
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Position: Committee Member

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council makes policy and serves as the legislative group responsible for approving City ordinances and establishing City policy. Councilmembers are part-time employees, although Olympia's Councilmembers estimate that, on average, they devote from 25-40 hours per week to Council business. Many Councilmembers hold full-time jobs in addition to their duties on the City Council.

Olympia's City Council positions are nonpartisan, are elected for four-year terms, and represent the community at-large rather than designated districts. The seven positions are staggered, with positions ending for three members at one time and four members the next.

The Mayor presides at all meetings of the Council and is recognized as the head of the City for ceremonial purposes and by the Governor for purposes of military law. The Council selects another member to serve a two-year term as Mayor Pro Tem.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

The Design Review Board was established to promote those qualities in the natural environment which bring value to the community; foster the attractiveness and functional utility of the community as a place to live and work; preserve the special character and quality of Olympia by maintaining the integrity of those areas which have a discernible character or are of special historic significance; raise the level of community expectations for the quality of the built environment; encourage originality and creativity in site planning and architecture; communicate these purposes to applicants and assist applicants in achieving these purposes; preserve and enhance property value; ensure that new developments maintain or improve neighborhood character and livability; and consider applicants' needs and goals and the broader public impact of any proposal.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Joseph S LaValle
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Category: Citizen at Large
Position: Chair



Robert Findlay
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Category: Architect
Position: Boardmember



Duane Edwards
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Category: Citizen at Large
Position: Boardmember



Marnie McGrath
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Category: Citizen at Large
Position: Boardmember

HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Heritage Commission was established to identify and actively encourage the preservation of the City's historic resources by initiating and maintaining a Heritage Register of Historic Places and reviewing proposed changes to register properties; to raise community awareness of the City's history and historic resources; and to serve as the City's primary resource in matters of history, historic planning and preservation.

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy Term Ends: Mar 31, 2018

Category: Heather Youckton vacancy

Position: Commissioner

Upcoming Vacancies



Rachel Newmann

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017

Position: Commissioner



Tamara A Hayes

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017

Position: Commissioner



Holly Davies

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017

Position: Chair

LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee is established to advise the City Council on potential annual uses of the lodging tax imposed and collected by the City of Olympia.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

OLYMPIA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

The Olympia Metropolitan Park District (OMPD) Board created an advisory board to create transparency and public reporting on the use of OMPD and other dedicated City of Olympia Parks funds.

Members must be City of Olympia residents. Members must be knowledgeable about or be willing to learn about parks budgeting, parks acquisitions and development, maintenance, park standards and funding levels.

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy Term Ends: N/A
Category: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Member
Position: Committee Member



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Category: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Member
Position: Committee Member



Immediate Vacancy Term Ends: N/A
Category: Citizen at Large
Position: Committee Member



Immediate Vacancy Term Ends: N/A
Category: Citizen at Large
Position: Committee Member



Immediate Vacancy Term Ends: N/A
Category: Citizen at Large
Position: Committee Member

Upcoming Vacancies

No upcoming vacancies

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was established in 1983 to make recommendations to the City Council regarding parks and recreation plans, policies, programs and projects and to serve as liaison between citizens and the Council on parks and recreation related matters.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Alicia Seegers Martinelli
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Position: Vice Chair



Brock Milliern
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Position: Committee Member



Brian Tomlinson
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Position: Committee Member

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission was established to advise the City Council on the long-range growth and development of Olympia, including changes to the City's comprehensive land use plan and zoning ordinance.

Current Vacancies



Immediate Vacancy Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Category: Jerome Parker vacancy
Position: Commissioner

Upcoming Vacancies



Darrell K Hoppe
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Position: Commissioner



Carole B Richmond
Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017
Position: Commissioner

THURSTON COMMUNITY MEDIA BOARD

To provide policy oversight for community access television programming in Thurston County.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Mark Dahlen

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017

Position: Olympia Rep

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) was established to act as a public advisor to the City Council, the City Manager's office and the Public Works Department on utility policy matters for the City's four public utilities: Water, Wastewater, Storm and Surface Water, and Waste ReSources.

Current Vacancies

No Current Vacancies

Upcoming Vacancies



Thad Curtz

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017

Position: Chair



Dever Kuni

Term Ends: Mar 31, 2017

Position: Committee Member