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**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

**WORK SESSION:**

**TO:** *City Council*

**FROM:** *Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

**MEETING DATE:** *April 8, 2019*

**PROJECT TEAM:** *Anna Ruggles, City Recorder  
Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager*

**SUBJECT TITLE:** *Work Session: Boards and Commissions (B/C) Review*

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Ordinance</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Order</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Resolution</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Motion</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Informational</b>
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*X all that apply*

**BACKGROUND:**

In March, 2018, Council passed Objective 3.21, Youth Advisory Council: "Conduct Work Session to discuss YAC models, resources, and vision" and Objective 3.22, Board and Commissions: "Review appointment process, procedural consistencies regarding Council interaction, and Commission/Board makeup, including size, number, and composition."

In an effort to achieve these objectives, Council held a Work Session on August 13, 2018, which culminated in a B/C Subcommittee to make recommendations to Council on the above objectives. The Subcommittee was composed of Councilors Wenzl, Johnston, and Rippe. The Subcommittee held three two-hour meetings on August 28, September 6 and September 25, 2018.

The Subcommittee advanced numerous proposals which were the subject of Council Work Sessions on September 24 and October 8 and 22, 2018. The Work Sessions reviewed potential Council Rule changes in detail. Council arrived at a general consensus to seek feedback on potential Council Rule changes from all B/C's. The potential Council Rule changes are shown in Attachments 1 and 2.

Staff held an informational meeting for all B/C members on November 19, 2018. The meeting was well attended and all attendees were given a "cheat sheet" or informational flyer to assure subsequent B/C meetings on this topic were fully informed. The Informational Flyer is Attachment 3.

The B/C's considered the potential Council Rule changes at their December, January, and/or February meetings. Of 11 B/C's, 5 submitted formal comments for Council consideration including Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, Library, Historic Landmarks, and Public Arts. The comments are amalgamated in a PowerPoint or Attachment 4. The B/C comments in their entirety are Attachment 5.

Last, Council held a Work Session on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to consider potential Council Rule changes. The Work Session ended with review of Proposed Council Rule 14.4 and will begin with review of Proposed Council Rule 14.6.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the 45 minute Work Session is to consider remaining items from the October 22 and March 18 Work Sessions, review all B/C comments on potential Council Rule changes, and discuss whether to advance Council Rule changes for consideration at a future City Council meeting, presumably April 22, 2019.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Draft Council Rules with changes shown
- 2) Draft Council Rules with changes accepted
- 3) Informational Flyer
- 4) Work Session PowerPoint, April 8, 2019
- 5) B/C comments

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**AMENDING CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE, SECTION 14,  
ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

**~~SECTION 14 – CREATION OF CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES AND OTHER COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEES~~**

**14.1 Citizen Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees and Other Council Ad Hoc Committees** – At any time, The Council may by ordinance or resolution establish any City advisory board, commission, or committee (herein referred to as “B/C”) or Council Ad Hoc Committee or Task Force deemed necessary and in the best interests of the City. Pursuant to City Charter, Section 8(C), the Mayor, with the consent of the Council, shall appoints members of B/C’s established by ordinance or resolution.

**14.2 Purpose Qualifications** – The City Council shall establish by resolution the policy and procedures for appointing citizens to boards, commissions, and committees. The purpose of the B/C is to encourage broad-based community representation and to advise Council on public policy issues affecting Forest Grove and Council-adopted Goals and Objectives. All such Council-appointed groups are directly responsible and advisory to the Council. unless the Council has delegated specific responsibilities to the group for independent actions. All citizen advisory boards, commissions and committees shall be subject to and comply with the Oregon Public Meetings Law (pursuant to ORS 192).

**14.3 Membership Qualifications** – To be eligible to apply for B/C’s:

- a) Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and residing in Forest Grove for the duration of the appointed term unless expressly provided otherwise by the adopted bylaws.
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#### **14.6 Terms of Office and Officers**

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**14.7 Registry** – The City Recorder's Office shall ~~maintain~~ ~~prepare, keep current and retain on file in the Office of the City Recorder,~~ a **current roster** list of all members, including appointment date of appointment, length of unexpired term, and contact information. A copy of the roster ~~will~~ **shall** be provided to Council members and **staff liaison** at least once per year or upon any substantial change in membership.

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## INFORMATIONAL MEETING

CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REVIEW  
NOVEMBER 19, 2018, 5:30 PM-7:00 PM  
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM, 1915 MAIN STREET

The purpose of the Informational Meeting is to allow all Boards and Commissions (B/C) members an opportunity to learn and ask questions about potential B/C reforms.

**BACKGROUND:** The City Council has long recognized, valued and received community input through citizen participation on B/C to assure public policy is founded on community interests and aspirations. In recognition of this value, the Council has created 11 citizen advisory B/C, more than any city of our size in Washington County.

**WHY:** All B/C are considered public bodies and appointed members are considered public officials under Oregon law. Recently, there have been court cases and new state law regarding how public bodies and officials must operate. In response, local governments have undertaken efforts to assure they are in compliance with the law. This compliance comes in the form of updated rules, bylaws, meeting minutes and agendas. In addition, City Council listened to members and identified a goal of assuring the City was not only compliant, but that city policy assured all B/C were treated equitably, consistently, and purposefully.

**WHAT:** The City Council has outlined reform options and would like to hear from B/C prior to considering any final policy. *Please know NO official action has been taken – all the work thus far has been to come up with options for the B/C's to consider and comment on. This Information Paper is intended to assist in this effort.*

**WHEN:** The Council would like each B/C to consider the options below at their regularly scheduled meetings in December and/or January. The Council and Staff Liaisons will work closely with each B/C to assure comments are gathered and presented to Council prior to any final action. Please know some B/C may be affected very little, while others may be affected slightly more.

- 1) **Purpose of B/C:** The purpose of the B/C was not clearly stated in the Council Rules. In response, the Council is clarifying the purpose to state: ***“The purpose of the Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees is to encourage broad-based community representation and to advise City Council on public policy issues affecting Forest Grove and Council-adopted Goals and Objectives. All such Council-appointed groups are directly responsible to the Council.”***
- 2) **Qualifications:** The proposed policy seeks to clarify that members must be 18 years of age and that student members are of high school grade level. Additionally, to encourage student participation, the proposal allows student members to be voting members, excluding Budget Committee and Planning Commission.
- 3) **Composition:** In an effort to be consistent amongst B/C's, one option is to limit each B/C to no more than 9 voting members (unless otherwise required by state law). This change would affect the Economic Development (EDC) and Sustainability Commissions (SC). EDC and SC have been asked to look at refining their membership list.

- 4) Meetings: Currently, the meeting frequency of each B/C is established in the adopted bylaws, which requires most B/C to hold meetings at least once a month. The proposal would allow B/C's to have increased flexibility by scheduling no less than 4 meetings per year (unless required by state law); thereby, allowing B/C to choose a meeting frequency that more closely aligns with their workload.
- 5) Member Terms: Currently, B/C member terms vary from 2-4 years. This has proven challenging to manage. In an effort to achieve consistency, one option is to establish 4-year terms for all B/C members and 2-year terms for student members. Terms would conclude on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 6) Chairperson: To promote succession planning, the proposal seeks to limit the Chair appointment to twenty-four (24) consecutive months; however, it does not limit the number of terms the Chair can serve.
- 7) Council Liaisons: The proposal clarifies the role of Council Liaison as being a non-voting member who collaborates between the Council and the B/C **to assure each group's collective interests are accurately and effectively** represented to the other.
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- 9) Member Appointments and Reappointments: The current process is sporadic and has resulted in a lack of clarity for applicants seeking appointment. The proposal seeks to bring clarity and predictability to the process by commencing annual member recruitment in September and concluding it by December of each year. In an effort to receive feedback from existing members seeking reappointment, the proposal includes interviewing existing members after each 4-year term.
- 10) Annual Reports/Recognition Dinner: To encourage dialogue and communication, one option is for each B/C to present to Council during a regular City Council Meeting at least once a year, including an Annual Report. This allows the B/C Annual Dinner to focus on welcoming new members and appreciating existing members.
- 11) Bylaws/Agenda: The bylaws for each B/C vary widely and in some cases have not been updated in decades. The proposal seeks to establish a common bylaw template to assure state and local laws are being followed. Each B/C will be asked to review their existing bylaws and if necessary amend/update their responsibilities, membership, and objectives. The proposal also seeks to establish a uniform process for establishing and adding items to the agenda by creating an agenda template.

### QUESTIONS?

*If you have questions/concerns about any of the proposed options, please contact your Council and/or Staff Liaisons. You may also submit comments/inquiries to the City Recorder's Office, [aruggles@forestgrove-or.gov](mailto:aruggles@forestgrove-or.gov), 503.992.3235.*



# Work Session

## Boards and Commissions Reform

April 8, 2019

Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager

Anna Ruggles, City Recorder

# Purpose

- Recap B/C efforts thus far
- Review B/C comments on potential Council Rule changes
- Discuss revisions to potential Council Rule changes and Boards and Commissions
- Consider remaining items from the last Work Session

# Recap

- Address City Council Objective(s) 3.21 and 3.22.
- Respond to changes in public meeting and ethic laws.
- Address inconsistencies in bylaws, operations, and staffing amongst B/C's.
- Provides guidance to B/C members.

# Recap

<b>CITY</b>	<b># of B/C</b>
<b>Forest Grove</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Tigard</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Tualatin</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Wilsonville</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Sherwood</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Newberg</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Cornelius</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>McMinnville</b>	<b>7</b>

- Forest Grove has 11 Citizen Advisory Boards and Commissions, the most for cities of like size.
- This reflects the value the City places on public input.

# Recap

NAME	MEMBERS	EST.
<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1963</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1969</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1974</b>
<b>PARKS AND REC</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1974</b>
<b>HIST. LANDMARKS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>COMM. INVOLVEMENT</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>COMM. FORESTRY</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>PUBLIC ARTS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>ECONOMIC DEV.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2013</b>

- 4 B/C's are not required by law.

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- The items discussed were:
  - Whether to create a separate Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, add URA responsibilities to EDC, or neither.
  - The purpose and scope of the Public Safety Advisory Commission.
  - The role of the Public Arts Commission in a public art program.
  - The Annual B/C Dinner Format.

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# B/C Comments

- **EDC**

- Expressed concern about reducing to nine members.
- Passed a motion to reduce from 19 to 15 members. This action requires a change to EDC's Bylaws and Council approval.

- **Library Commission**

- Suggest allowing the Chair to serve longer than 24 months.
- Suggest allowing a volunteer to take meeting minutes in lieu of but under the supervision of City staff.
- Suggest discretion to not re-interview members every 4 years.

# B/C Comments

- Historic Landmarks Board
  - Suggest allowing a volunteer to take meeting minutes in lieu of but under the supervision of City staff.
  - Keep B/C Recognition Dinner in the same format but enforce time limits for presenters.
- Public Arts Commission
  - Oppose the 24 consecutive month limit for Chairpersons.
- Parks and Recreation
  - Suggest Student Members be a Junior in high school or above and commit to a 2-year term.

# B/C Questions

## **Question:**

If the number of B/C members is no more than 9, what criteria will be used to reduce the B/C if the current membership is higher?

## **Answer:**

This change would only impact EDC and Sustainability. If the B/C is reduced to 9, these Commissions would be asked to make a recommendation to Council on the composition of their membership in their bylaws.

## **Question:**

If all B/C members have 4-year terms, how many members rotate each year?

## **Answer:**

The potential Council Rules stipulate the terms will be staggered evenly. Any additional clarification can be done via individual B/C bylaw amendments for those B/C's that do not have 4 year terms.

# B/C Questions

## **Question:**

Will each B/C elect a Chair and Officers each year?

## **Answer:**

Yes. The potential Council Rules state the Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by the voting members at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each year.

## **Question:**

Will student representatives have a vote in all proceedings?

## **Answer:**

Yes. For those B/C with a student member, the potential Council Rules state student members shall be voting members. Currently, all B/C's have Student Members except Budget and Planning Commission which are established by ORS. Currently, 5 of 9 Student Member positions are vacant.

# B/C Comment Consideration

- The following Discussion Items reconcile the B/C comments to the section of potential Council Rule language.
- The specific language the B/C comment pertains to is in ***bold italics*** and would be the focus of a language change if the Council desires.

# B/C Comment Consideration

## One B/C comment on this topic

- Proposed Council Rule: “14.4: Composition – Unless authorized by Council or required by state law, all B/C’s shall consist of no more than nine (9) voting members.”
  - Comment: this potential Council Rule allows Council the flexibility to approve more than 9 voting members if they choose. This action would occur via Council’s approval of individual B/C Bylaws.
  - Comment: this potential Council Rule only pertains to Sustainability (13 members) and EDC (19 members).

# B/C Comment Consideration

## Two B/C comments on this topic (*italics denotes applicable language*)

- Proposed Council Rule: “14.6 Terms of Office and Officers – Unless required by state law, all B/C members shall be voting members and shall serve four (4) year terms. Student members shall be voting members and shall serve two (2) year terms. Terms shall be staggered evenly amongst the membership, beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by the voting members at the first regularly scheduled B/C meeting of each year. ***The Chair may not serve more than twenty-four (24) consecutive months.*** Members may not serve on more than two (2) B/C’s at the same time. Appointments to vacant positions shall fill out the remainder of the unexpired term.”

# B/C Comment Consideration

## **Two B/C comments on this topic (*italics denotes applicable language*)**

- Proposed Council Rule: “14.9 Staff Liaisons – The City Manager shall appoint a staff member as liaison to any B/C. Staff liaisons shall be non-voting and shall assist the B/C by utilizing their expertise regarding city policy and process. The staff liaison shall orient the newly-appointed B/C members prior to the first meeting on the duties of being a member. The staff liaison shall review the agenda in consultation with the B/C chair, *prepare minutes*, prepare and distribute the B/C packet at least five (5) days prior to the meeting, post the final agenda on the bulletin board and/or at the meeting location, submit legal notices for review and copies of approved minutes to the City Recorder’s Office, report to the City Recorder’s Office any member who has three or more unexcused absences, report any meeting date changes including cancellations, maintain official records in accordance with the city retention schedule (ORS 166-200), and publicly post B/C documents on various media.”

# B/C Comment Consideration

## One B/C comment (*italics denotes applicable language*)

- Proposed Council Rule: “14.10 Appointments and Reappointments – Member recruitment shall begin in September and conclude by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Once the assigned term of office is completed, the member is excused from the appointment, unless Council reappoints the member for another term of service. *Members must apply and be interviewed after every term to continue service.* Interviews will be conducted by the Council or Council Subcommittee. Applicants who fail to attend a scheduled interview may forfeit the opportunity for appointment or reappointment. Once Council conducts interviews and makes appointment recommendations, the City Recorder Office’s shall notify applicants in writing of the Council’s recommendation. Formal resolutions making appointments will be scheduled under the Consent Agenda at the next regular Council meeting.”

# B/C Comment Consideration

## One B/C comment (*italics denotes applicable language*)

- Proposed Council Rule: “14.3 Membership Qualifications – To be eligible for appointment, a person must be 18 years of age or older and a Forest Grove resident for the duration of the appointment term unless expressly provided for by the adopted bylaws. *Student appointees must be high school grade level and residing or attending school, including home-schooled, in Forest Grove.* All appointed members are required to attend training courses as assigned and approved by Council. An individual member may not act in official capacity. The Council may in its discretion at any time remove a member for any reason, including inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. Voting members may not be employees of the City. B/C members serve without compensation.”

# Discussion Items

Remaining discussion items from last Work Session:

- Urban Renewal Advisory Committee or within EDC
  - Note: URA Plan lists creation of URAC as a strategic objective.
- Purpose and Intent of PSAC
- Annual B/C Dinner Format

# Proposed Next Steps

April 8<sup>th</sup>

- Council consideration of Council Rule changes and Bylaw Template.

May-July

- Staff and Council Liaisons collaborate with B/C members on updating Bylaws and educating new Council Rules.

August-September

- Council consider B/C updated Bylaws.

December 11, 2018

Councilor Tim Rippe  
City of Forest Grove  
P.O. Box 326  
Forest Grove, OR 97116

Dear Tim:

The Forest Grove Economic Development Commission (EDC) recently discussed the Council's consideration of administering City advisory commissions more uniformly, i.e., each commission would have nine members each serving four-year terms.

On December 6, 2018, the EDC passed a motion advising Council to retain the current number of EDC members and requesting a meeting with the City Council or members of its Commission Review Committee to discuss that topic.

The standing number of EDC members from various for-profit enterprises, nonprofit organizations, and public agencies have provided a broad perspective enabling the EDC to advise the Council and promote economic development effectively.

If EDC membership were reduced to nine, current commissioners feel the EDC will not reflect the City's increasingly diverse citizenry and complex economic sector as well as it has to date. Members recognize the EDC might operate as effectively as it has, if two to four membership slots, such as the utility and citizen representatives, were trimmed from its roster.

The EDC would appreciate meeting with you and other councilors about revision of the EDC membership number. I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Thank you!

James Draznin  
Chair, EDC

Copy: Jesse VanderZanden  
Jeffrey King

**Anna Ruggles**

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**From:** Jeffrey King  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 3:37 PM  
**To:** Anna Ruggles  
**Subject:** Forest Grove EDC -Boards and commission

Hi Anna

I want to follow up with you on communications that the Forest Grove EDC wants to communicate to City Council regarding their Boards and Commission review.

**1. Board size****December 6, 2018 meeting**

Brad Bafaro motioned to recommend to council that the EDC could function with 17 voting members eliminating the utility and member at large seats. We agree to all other changes that have been informally proposed by the city council subcommittee and would like a meeting with the city council subcommittee to discuss membership. Current individual members will reach out specifically to the subcommittee. Howard Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**February 7, 2019 meeting**

Tim Budelman moved a motion to remove the member position of "Residential Developer". Steve Krautscheid seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Howard Sullivan moved to have the member position of "Workforce Development" changed to a liaison position only. Kevin Emerick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**The net effect is a recommendation is to reduce the formal voting board members to 15 and have one non-voting liason seat.**

**2. Other Items**

Through parts of several meetings the EDC accepts all of the other issues under consideration thus far such as bylaw streaming/commonality, length of terms, length of total service, etc.

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Anna Ruggles

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**From:** Tom Johnston  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 4, 2018 4:12 PM  
**To:** Anna Ruggles  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed changes to boards and commissions

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** George Cushing <[REDACTED]>  
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**Cc:** <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Proposed changes to boards and commissions

I have two suggestions:

One: if boards want to continue to have a member be secretary and prepare the minutes they be allowed to do so. But ultimate responsibility to insure timely submission and in the proper format to be a responsibility of the staff member.

Two: the annual boards and Commissions annual recognition dinner be allowed to continue in the same format But strict time lines to present be kept. This is a great opportunity for members to learn of the activities and responsivities of other Boards and Commissions. The welcoming of new members and recognizing existing members would be a plus and this could be done if the boards and commissions presentation were kept to a short period of time. I feel and possibly many others also, feel the endless droning on of some presentations is counter to enjoyment of others.

Thank you for your consideration of these suggestions.

George E Cushing  
Forest Grove Historic Landmarks Board

 Virus-free. [REDACTED]

## B&C Review – Forest Grove Library Commission Ideas – Jan 15, 2019

Here are comments that the Forest Grove Library Commission has made on changes that might be made to the B's & C's.

Here are the items where we had comments:

- Limit Chairperson's appt (via election) to 24 consecutive months, but with no limit on lifetime terms as a B&C officer.
  - On this issue, the Library Commission requests that it be allowed to consider this proposal as a "suggestion" or "recommendation" and be allowed flexibility on the maximum number of consecutive month's that the Chairperson and Vice-Chair of the Library Commission can serve.
  
- Concern about the role of "Minute Preparation" of meetings for the Staff Liaison.
  - On this issue, the Library Commission would like to suggest a more flexible wording. The Library Commission does not have a city employee available to takes notes at its meetings, or to produce the minutes of meetings (although it does have volunteers and commission members available).
  - So, the Library Commission would like to suggest a more flexible wording for this item. We feel it would be better if the Staff Liaison is asked to "supervise minute preparation" rather than have the role of "minute preparation", and that the Staff Liaison be allowed to choose either a city employee, a volunteer, or a board or commission member to take meeting notes and prepare meeting minutes (with the supervision, review, and approval of the Staff Liaison).
  - We feel that this change will allow for flexibility for the various boards and commissions and will still achieve the desired goals for the proposed change.
  
- Re-interviewing B & C members seeking reappointment every 4 years
  - On this issue, the Library Commission suggests that the City Council allow itself the flexibility of being able to choose whether to re-interview a current B&C member or not (if this is allowed). One example where the City Council might not want to re-interview a B&C member seeking reappointment would be if there were no other applicants for the position.

**Anna Ruggles**

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**From:** Malynda Wenzl  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 5:30 PM  
**To:** Anna Ruggles  
**Subject:** Fwd: City committees

Sincerely,  
Malynda Wenzl  
Forest Grove City Councilor

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**From:** "[REDACTED]" >  
**Date:** December 10, 2018 at 1:15:41 PM PST  
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**Subject:** City committees

Malynda;

A couple of thoughts about changes in city commissions.

1. If you change the number of people that comprise the commissions, what methods are you going to use lower the number of commissioners? Voting, reapplication dates, volunteers, resignations?
2. The proposed change that all commissioners have 4 year terms, what percent of the commission is going to change each year, .25%, .33%, .50%?
3. Will each commission elect a new chair, vice chair etc. at the same time each year?
4. Will student reps. have a vote in all proceedings? I can see a situation that the student vote would be the determining vote and they maybe put in a very awkward position.
5. Change the language on student reps.: At the time that a student will be seated as a board member that student must be a junior level in high school or above and commit to a 2 year term etc..
6. Examine each commission at a commission meeting to determine if the current number best suits that commission?

Thanks for your help;

Paul

PAC

**Anna Ruggles**

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**From:** Tom Gamble  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 6, 2019 9:12 AM  
**To:** Anna Ruggles  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter regarding boards and commission changes

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** Letter regarding boards and commission changes

To: Tom Gamble, Colleen Winters & Councilor Tom Johnston;

From: The Forest Grove Public Arts Commission

In response to the draft Council Revisions to Boards & Commissions, we would like to go on record as unanimously opposing the proposed change to a two-year term limit for the Chairperson. We believe that annual elections provide an effective opportunity for a commission to elect or re-elect leadership, and that length of term should be left to the discretion of each commission. Requiring a leadership change every two years could be disruptive to the work of a commission, and bring with it unintended consequences. It seems arbitrary and counterproductive to withdraw this authority from individual commission members for the sake of uniformity. Please reconsider this proposal.

Thank you-

The Forest Grove Public Arts Commission  
Dana Eytzen  
Kathy Broom  
Laura Frye  
Michael Goetzke  
Kathleen Leatham  
Emily Lux  
Linda Taylor  
Amy Tracewell  
Pat Truax