Blue Springs Boards & Commissions

The City of Blue Springs has numerous advisory boards and commissions comprised of volunteers from within the community, who serve without compensation. Generally, these commissions make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding actions and policies affecting municipal government, city departments and the community. Citizens who desire to serve on a city board or commission may apply by contacting the Mayor's office at City Hall, (816)228-0110, or by visiting www.bluespringsgov.com. Citizens may also call their City Councilmen directly. All meetings are open to the public.

Appearance Review Committee

This committee reviews applications for building permits and sign permits in areas of the Adams Dairy Parkway Corridor Overlay Zoning District or other areas as may be determined by the Planning Commission and City Council. Meetings are held at the call of the chairman.

Board of Zoning Adjustment

This board hears and decides appeals when an applicant requests a variance to the Unified Development Code. This board is unique in that, unlike the other city boards and commissions, its decisions are final. No recommendations are made for the City Council to act upon. Appeals of board decisions are referred to the Circuit Court of Jackson County. Meetings are held every first Wednesday of the month.

Development Advisory Commission

This commission was formed with the express intent of fostering proactive communication between the City and the building community. The commission meets on an as-needed basis. Proposed development regulation changes are reviewed by the commission and recommendations are forwarded to the Mayor and City Council. Whether proposed by the City or the building community, issues affecting new legislation are first discussed by this commission.

Economic Development Corporation

The primary focus of the Economic Development Corporation is to attract and retain industrial, manufacturing and professional employers to the City of Blue Springs and to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding financial incentives and the cost versus benefits of development. Meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

Historic Preservation Commission

This commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council, the Planning Commission and the Community Development Director. Its purpose is to protect and enhance the City's architectural, cultural and social history, safeguard that heritage and promote the use of historic districts or landmarks as educational and cultural resources for the City. The commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

Commissions

Park Commission
This commission is an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council regarding the City's Parks and Recreation Department programs and services. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Personnel Board
This board advises the City Council, City Administrator and Human Resources Director of matters relating to personnel administration. Meetings are held as needed.

Planning Commission
This commission advises the Mayor and City Council regarding planning and zoning regulations in the City. The Commission includes eleven citizens appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The commission meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Public Art Commission
The commission advises the City Council on the community's cultural needs. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month.

Solid Waste Management Commission
The commission acts as an advisory committee and keeps the City Council informed regarding state and federal regulation of solid waste. Meetings are held as needed.

Tax Increment Finance Commission
This commission makes recommendations to the City Council concerning the adoption of redevelopment plans and redevelopment projects and designation of redevelopment project areas. Meetings are held as needed.

Technical Review Committee/Housing Advisory & Appeals Board
This committee considers appeals of decisions regarding plat approval. Meetings are held as needed.

Want to learn more about getting involved with your City Government?

By getting involved in the various advisory boards and commissions in Blue Springs, you have the unique opportunity to help foster new ideas, improvements and future growth for your community. Getting involved is easy, visit the City's website to learn more:

www.bluespringsgov.com