

CITY OF AVONDALE
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Avondale Municipal Art Committee

Focuses on providing public art pieces to enhance the aesthetics of the City. The Committee has developed a focus on functional art using local artists. They have recently completed several small projects including the pump station at Friendship Park, the mosaic table tops at the Civic Center Library and the mural on the Avondale Community Center.

Membership – Seven regular members, two alternate members and two ex-officio members.

Meeting schedule – Monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judiciary body with the power and duty to review, deny or grant requests for appeals or variances relating to regulations contained within the Zoning Ordinance. As a result, the decisions made by the Board need to be in conformance with state statute.

Membership – Seven regular members and one alternate member

Meeting schedule – As needed

Capital Improvement Plan Citizens' Committee (CIP)

The CIP reviews and provides direction on capital projects throughout the City.

Membership – Five regular members

Meeting schedule – One to three meetings in February or March

Citizen Corps Council

The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all types. The Avondale Citizen Corps Council builds on community strengths to implement the Citizen Corps preparedness programs and carry out a local strategy to involve government, community leaders, and citizens in all-hazards preparedness and resilience.

Membership – 2 Citizens, Representatives from Police and Fire and 5 Organization Representatives

Meeting schedule - TBD

Correction Officers Retirement Pension Board

The Correction Officers Retirement Pension Board is responsible for deciding all questions of eligibility and service credits, determining the amount, manner and time of payment of any benefits under the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. The board also makes a determination as to the right of any claimant to a benefit and affords claimants or the fund manager or both a right to rehearing on the original determination.

Membership – The Finance Director, two employee representatives and two citizen members.

Meeting schedule – As needed

Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission

Established in 2008, the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Commission serves as an advisory commission to the City Council on environmental issues and helps identify specific resource conservation goals and environmental practices to reduce costs and support sustainability. Goals established by the Commission focus on such issues as education, building codes, “green” business attraction, water conservation and energy efficiency.

Membership – Nine members; one of which is a youth member

Meeting schedule – Monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Public Safety Retirement Pension Board and Police Public Safety Retirement Pension Board

The Board is responsible for deciding all questions of eligibility and service credits, determining the amount, manner and time of payment of any benefits under the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. The Board also makes determination as to the right of any claimant to a benefit and to afford any claimant or the fund manager or both a right to rehearing on the original determination.

Membership – Two staff members, two employee representatives and two citizen members

Meeting schedule - As needed

Municipal Development Corporation (MDC)

On May 21, 1984 the Council adopted resolution 483 approving the formation of the MDC, the membership of its board of directors, approving the general plan for the construction and acquisition of extensions and additions to the city sewer system and authorizing the staff to cooperate with said corporation in formulating final plans and documents.

Membership – Three citizen members

Meeting schedule – As needed

Neighborhood and Family Services Commission

The Neighborhood and Family Services Commission is charged with advising the staff of the Neighborhood and Family Services Department as they work to support, nurture and develop strong families and the neighborhoods in which they live. The Neighborhood and Family Services Commission recommends strategies to strengthen families and neighborhoods and provide staff with input on a variety of issues, programs and projects including social services, code enforcement, community development and revitalization, housing services, youth development, neighborhood programs and neighborhood safety.

Membership – Eleven regular members and two alternate members

Meeting schedule – Monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Parks, Recreation and Libraries Advisory Board

The Parks & Recreation Board was established in 1986 to advise the City Council on items such as the planning of future parks and the modification of existing parks. They play a key role in the planning of current and future recreation activities and provide input in the preparation of the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan.

Membership – Seven regular members and one alternate

Meeting schedule – Monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission acts as an advisory body to the City Council on existing and potential policies, and other issues related to planning development and regulation of land use. The Planning Commission has decision-making authority for a variety of development proposals.

Membership – Seven regular members and one alternate member

Meeting schedule – Monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Risk Management Trust Fund Board

The Risk Management Trust Fund Board is responsible for reviewing the funding recommendations for the self-insurance program and approve the level of funding needed in the annual budget process.

Membership – The Finance Director, one Council Member and three citizen members

Meeting schedule – Annually in February or March