

3.30.030 Development Review Advisory Committee

(Amended by Ordinance Nos. 176955, 178954, 184046 and 184183, effective November 26, 2010.)

A. Purpose. The Development Review Advisory Committee is a citizen advisory body, representing those with interests in the outcome of policies, budgets, regulations, and procedures that affect development review processes. The purpose of the Committee is to foster a timely, predictable and accountable development review process that implements the City's goals for land use, transportation, housing, economic development, neighborhood livability and the environment. The Committee advocates for and supports consistent and fair application and implementation of regulations. The Committee provides public input into the development review process by:

1. Providing leadership and expertise on issues affecting development;
2. Providing feedback to Bureaus, Review Bodies, and City Council on the impact of potential regulations and administrative rules on the development review process, taking into consideration the full range of City goals and objectives;
3. Providing recommendations for regulatory, code, and administrative rule changes affecting the development review process;
4. Monitoring the application and enforcement of regulations for their effectiveness in achieving the City's development goals;
5. Recommending customer service, permitting, process, and compliance improvements to Bureaus, Review Bodies, and/or City Council;
6. Serving as an advisory board to Development Review Directors and Bureaus on development review processes and procedures;
7. Providing input to ensure budgets of development review agencies are adequate to meet service goals and desired system outcomes.

B. Membership. The Development Review Advisory Committee shall consist of seventeen members. The members shall be appointed by the Commissioner-in-Charge of the Bureau of Development Services and confirmed by the City Council. The members shall be selected to provide representation of those persons concerned about planning, design and development. The areas of interest of members shall include, but not be limited to, development, planning, construction contracting, public works, design professions, neighborhood interests, business interests, historic preservation, environmental organizations, and institutional properties. Members shall be appointed so that the Committee consists of one member from organizations representing each of the following groups, or if organizations do not exist, an individual advocate for the representative group will be appointed:

1. Frequent development review customers
2. Citywide neighborhood interests
3. Design professionals
4. Environmental conservation and green building
5. Historic preservation
6. Home builders
7. Home remodelers
8. Land use planning professions
9. Large developers
10. Large construction contractors
11. Low-income housing developers
12. Major facilities landowners
13. Minority construction contractors and development professionals
14. Neighborhood Coalition Land Use Committees
15. Small businesses
16. Planning and Sustainability Commission, as designated by the Planning and Sustainability Commission President, and serves as an ex officio member of the Committee.
17. Public works permit customers

C. Appointments and Terms. Appointment to the Development Review Advisory Committee shall be for a three-year term. If a position is vacated during a term, it shall be filled for the unexpired term. Members of the Development Review Advisory Committee shall serve no more than two, complete three-year terms.

D. Meetings, Officers, and Subcommittees.

1. The Development Review Advisory Committee shall meet at least five times yearly and as otherwise necessary to conduct its business. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with adopted rules of procedure. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be necessary to make decisions that represent the position of the Development Review Advisory Committee and to conduct any other Committee responsibilities. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of each calendar year.

2. The officers of the Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and a Vice-chairperson. The chairperson shall be responsible for conducting the meetings of the committee. The vice chairperson shall act as chair when the chairperson is not available.

3. The Development Review Advisory Committee may divide its members into subcommittees which are authorized to act on behalf of the committee for an assigned purpose. Subcommittee actions require the affirmative vote of at least three members.

E. Attendance. Members of the Development Review Advisory Committee are expected to attend each meeting of the committee. The Commissioner-in-Charge may replace any member who accrues unexcused absences from three or more consecutive meetings or more than 50 percent of the meetings in any year.

F. Compensation. Development Review Advisory Committee members shall serve without compensation.