Environmental Advisory Commission

Purpose

The Environmental Advisory Commission shall serve as an advisory board to the City Council and the City management in matters involving the promotion of close cooperation between the City and private citizens, institutions and agencies interested in or conducting activities relating to the enhancement and protection of the natural environment of the city. The environmental advisory commission shall:

- Act only in an advisory capacity to the City Council concerning strategies and initiatives for improving the quality of the natural environment of the City.
- When requested, make recommendations to the City Council relative to expenditures of city funds for the purposes of promoting and sustaining the natural environment of the city.
- Serve as a review board, when assigned by the City Council, for the funding of proposed programs within the city that are environmentally related and are to be funded from allocations made by the City Council.
- Work with City administrative staff to educate individuals (citizens, students, businesses, and civic organizations) about litter awareness and prevention, including special events which are directed to this task.
- Engage in volunteer opportunities to enhance the beautification efforts of the City.

Members

The Environmental Advisory Commission consists of nine members selected by the City Council. The nine members are Richardson residents and at least one member resides in each of the four City Council districts. Members serve a two-year term and the terms are staggered. Members may not serve more than four consecutive two-year terms.

Members must be qualified voters in the City of Richardson, residents of Texas for at least one year, and residents of the City of Richardson for at least six months. Members may not hold any elected office and must not be in arrears in taxes or any other liability due the City.

Meetings

The Environmental Advisory Commission shall meet not less than four times annually or at such other times as the commission may deem appropriate. A quorum of the environmental commission shall be five members, and a majority vote of those present shall be required for the determination of any matter before the environmental advisory commission including any recommendation to be made to the City Council.

All meetings are subject to the general laws of the State, the City Charter, and shall comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act. All members shall adhere to the City of Richardson Code of Ethics.

Applications are available online and from the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 411 W. Arapaho Road, Suite 202, or by contacting 972-744-4292. Applications are kept on file for two years and positions are filled as vacancies occur.

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