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ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS NEEDED

Advisory commissions provide for citizen participation on issues concerning the city and its residents. The City Council values the comments and recommendations from the various advisory boards and commissions. There are many choices for citizen involvement. If you'd like more information about these voluntary positions, you may visit the City's website or contact the staff liaison of each commission listed below. We welcome your calls of interest.

How to apply, in four easy steps:

- Step 1 Download an application from the City website or contact the City at 763-531-1000 to have one mailed to you
- Step 2 Return the completed application to the administrative services coordinator
- Step 3 Participate in a 15-minute interview with the mayor or mayor pro tem, commission chair, and council liaison of the commission
- Step 4 Attend a council meeting to be formally appointed to the commission

All commission meetings are open to the public. Please contact staff liaisons to learn meeting locations, dates, and times.

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Organization (BCWMO) and Shingle Creek Watershed Management Organization (SCWMO)

- Jointly manages the water resources to improve surface water quality within its watersheds.
- Is composed of representatives from the cities of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Maple Grove, Minneapolis, New Hope, Osseo Plymouth, and Robbinsdale.
- BCWMO meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday at 11:30 a.m. (lunch provided) at Golden Valley City Hall. Visit <http://www.bassettcreekwmo.org> for more information.

- SCWMO meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday at 12:45 p.m. (lunch provided) at Clubhouse at Edinburgh USA, 8700 Edinbrook Crossing, Brooklyn Park, MN. Visit <http://shinglecreek.org/> for more information.
- **Two vacancies** exist for **BCWMO** (one commissioner and one alternate member).
- **One alternate vacancy** exists for **SCWMO**.
- Staff Liaison Tom Mathisen, 763-531-1160

Charter Commission

- Study issues and makes recommendations on proposed changes to the Home Rule Charter which outlines municipal governance.
- Meetings are held at the call of the chair.
- **One vacancy** exists on this 9-member commission.
- Staff Liaison Chrissy Serres, 763-531-1145

Employee Review Board

- Hears and rules on non-organized employee grievances as defined by the ordinance after normal grievance procedures have been completed.
- Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday in April at 7:00 p.m. and at the call of the chair.
- **One alternate vacancy** exists on this 5-member commission.
- Staff Liaison Kim Therres, 763-531-1132

Environmental Quality Commission

- Studies and advises on the conservation of environmental resources and resolving environmental issues.
- Meetings are held monthly on the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- **Seven vacancies** exist on this 10-member commission.
- Staff Liaison Kim Therres, 763-531-1132

Human Rights Commission

- Advises on matters and problems relating to discrimination issues as well as working to improve human relations, attitude, and a positive behavior climate in the city.
- Meetings are held monthly on the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- **Two vacancies** exist on this 10-member commission.
- Staff Liaison John Banick, 763-531-1010

Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council

- Identify human services issues, solutions, and best practices.
- Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Brooklyn Center.
- **One vacancy** exists for a Crystal representative.
- Staff Liaison Kim Therres, 763-531-1132

Parks & Recreation Commission

- Promotes the systematic, comprehensive development of park facilities and recreational activities
- Meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

- **Two vacancies** exist (one in Ward 2 and one at-large) on this 10-member commission.
- Staff Liaison Gene Hackett, 763-531-1150

Planning Commission

- Designated as the planning agency of the City in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 462.354.
- Meetings are held monthly on the second Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- **One Ward 4 vacancy** exists on this 9-member commission.
- Staff Liaison John Sutter, 763-531-1142

January 3, 2012 Press Release

City of Crystal

The City of Crystal is a first tier suburban community just west of Minneapolis in Hennepin County with a population of 22,698. The City was chartered in 1960 and is characterized by an extensive park system, healthy residential neighborhoods and commercial areas that meet the needs of a diverse population. For more information about the City, visit its website at www.ci.crystal.mn.us.