

COMMITTEES

Commission Committees are vitally important to the decision making process of the Commission. They may be called upon to study various requests, problems or plans and ultimately make recommendations to Commission. Public reaction, financial impact and advantages to the community are taken into consideration. Some examples of responsibilities of the committees are provided below.

Special Interest Committee.

This Committee has the responsibility to investigate possible new directions in program or policy procedure under the jurisdiction of the Department. The emphasis lies in keeping an open channel of communication between the Department and the public for possible new ideas for program implementation. This Committee frequently receives referrals from the Commission and is requested to prepare a recommendation for the consideration of the Commission at a future meeting.

Park Naming and Memorials Committee.

The Park Naming and Memorials Committee has the responsibility to investigate and decide on possible names for parks or park areas. These names are chosen to honor deceased or prominent people who have made a significant contribution to the community based on the guidelines in Resolution 2017-25 (see Appendix E-4.).

Playground Equipment and Park Maintenance Committee.

This Committee's responsibilities are twofold. First, the Committee has the responsibility to analyze new playground equipment alternatives in terms of the type of equipment, placement and the material utilized in construction and to deal with comments and concerns from the community in the problem areas of animals, vandalism and the appropriateness of certain types of play equipment. Secondly, the Committee may analyze park maintenance procedures and recommend ways and means of funding and keeping maintenance costs low. In carrying out these criteria, the Committee endeavors to be aware of and responsive to citizens' input.

Huntington Central Park Committee.

This Committee has the responsibility for all matters involving Huntington Central Park including master planning, concessionaire relations, land acquisition, financing and street alignments. The Community Services Commission frequently requests input from this Committee at its monthly meetings and often refers items to it for further in-depth study by its members.

Park Acquisition and Development Priority Committee.

The Park Acquisition and Development Priority Committee is responsible for developing and recommending to the Commission an annual, updated acquisition and development schedule based on an analysis of community needs. The director works closely with this Committee providing budget information relative to the park acquisition and development fund and his recommendations for expenditure. The Commission annually votes to accept or reject the acquisition and development schedule based on the recommendation of this Committee. Their recommendation is then submitted to the City Council for approval.

Youth Sports Grant Committee.

The Youth Sports Grant Committee stemmed from a recommendation by the Special Interest Committee to address ways to improve youth sports facilities in the City. As part of the annual budget process, funds are set aside in the Park Acquisition and Development Fund to provide seed money to non-profit youth sports groups to improve playing fields and permanently placed structures and amenities. The Committee is responsible for reviewing the Youth Sports Program criteria and application process, selecting grant awardees, and providing recommendations to Commission for allocation of funds.

Ad Hoc Committees.

Members of the Commission may at times serve on ad hoc committees. These committees are created to address a specific issue, and it is anticipated that such committees will not be ongoing but will be disbanded when that specific issue has been addressed. Such committees can be formed by the Commission or City Council and may include members from Council, other commissions or boards and the general public.