

Democracy in Action



“Democracy transformed from thin paper to thick action is the greatest form of government on earth.”

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Interested in serving on a board or committee?



Board and Committee Interest Card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Interested in serving on the following boards or committee, Check all that apply:

- Airport Committee
- Board of Review
- Burlington Housing Authority
- Common Council
- Community Development Authority
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Library Board
- Park Board
- Plan Commission
- Police & Fire Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Existing time conflicts: _____

Please complete and return this interest card to:

Burlington City Hall
300 N Pine Street, Burlington, WI 53105
Phone: (262) 342-1161 Fax: (262) 763-3474
www.burlington-wi.gov

Once received a City of Burlington staff member will contact you to complete the full Board/Committee application form.

City of Burlington



Boards and Committees

Why serve on a board or committee?

Democracy relies on engagement by citizens as a means of forming better solutions to civic matters. Citizen participation processes must be inclusive of those who identify themselves as interested and/or affected by decisions that will be made on issues of relevance to them. Citizen participation practices must result in decisions that reflect the community's voices.

To make collaboration possible we need involved citizens who want to become active community members. In this pamphlet, you will find descriptions of the various boards and committees that serve the City of Burlington. These groups help make important decisions on a variety of topics! We rely on citizens like you to serve on these boards and committees and help shape our community's future.

Your involvement will:

- Increase understanding of issues
- Determine possible options
- Generate new ideas
- Discover and explore possible compromises
- Gauge the greater public's support for various solutions

Boards and Committees

• Airport Committee

Recommends regulations, development, land uses and fees for the City's airport. Meets every fourth Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

• Board of Review

Corrects errors in property assessments and hears appeals related to assessments. This board meets on call.

• Burlington Housing Authority

Oversees the construction, operation and management of Riverview Manor, which provides housing for low income citizens 55 and older. Meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

• Common Council

Serves as the primary legislative body for the City, overseeing the major goals, projects and the budget. Meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

• Community Development Authority

Oversees blight removal, redevelopment and urban renewal programs to protect the health and safety of the City. Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

• Historic Preservation Committee

Safeguards the City's historic and cultural heritage, promoting civic pride and improving property values through the beauty and notable accomplishments of the past. Meets every the fourth Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

• Library Board

Supervises the management and operation of the Burlington Public Library. Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

• Park Board

Responsible for the management, control, improvement and care of all public parks and parkways. Meets the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

• Plan Commission

Creates and manages the City's master plan for physical development. The commission also hears all requests for conditional uses. Meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

• Police and Fire Commission

Creates and oversees the eligibility list for hiring candidates for both departments, as well as promotion and discipline matters. The commission also oversees purchasing and expenses made by the departments. Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

• Zoning Board of Appeals

Hears and decides appeals made by parties who allege an error has been made in an order, requirement, decision or determination made by administrative officials in the enforcement of zoning requirements. This board meets on the third Wednesday of the month, on call.

Visit www.burlington-wi.gov//114/Boards for more information.