



BOARD/COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Airport Advisory Committee

The purpose of this committee is to advise on issues relating to the Lee Gilmer Memorial Airport. It also addresses matters previously addressed by the Hangar Appeals Board including but not limited to reviewing petitions regarding actions taken by management against individuals concerning leases, rules and regulations and policy decisions/interpretations. This committee consists of six members which includes a representative from each ward, plus one representative recommended by Hall County but appointed by Council. There is one ex-officio member. The term of office is three years. This committee was reaffirmed by Business Resolution 2011-43. The primary contact is the Public Works Director and the Airport Manager.

Building Board of Appeals

The purpose of this board is to act on appeals relating to building codes. This board consists of seven members which includes representatives with the following expertise: structural engineer, architect and two alternate architects, plumbing/fire safety, mechanical and electrical. There is one ex-officio member. The term of office is five years. The Board is referenced in the Unified Land Development Code and the International Building Code. The primary contact is the Building Official.

Cemetery Committee

This committee is strictly advisory and meets semi-annually to devise plans, suggest rules and regulations and perform such other duties as the Council may request. The committee consists of five members, one representing each ward, with three-year terms. There is one ex-officio member. They serve three-year terms. The committee is referenced in the City Code (4-2-10) with the last amendment occurring in November 2013. The primary contacts are the Public Works Director and the Cemetery Manager.

Chattahoochee Golf Course Advisory Committee

The purpose of this committee is to work with the Director of Golf to develop and implement a Master Plan for improvements to the golf course, to make recommendations to Council for an annual capital improvement plan, review proposed annual operating budgets and any other such duties as assigned by Council. The committee consists of ten members with five being nominated by the Chattahoochee Country Club. The term of office is three years. This committee was created via resolution BR-2004-66 and reestablished June 22, 2010. The primary contact is the Director of Golf.

Chicopee Woods Area Park Commission

The purpose of this commission is to acquire, construct, equip, maintain, and operate a recreational center(s) and area(s), to include extensions and improvements of such facilities, so as to assure the efficient and proper development, maintenance, and operation of such recreational facilities and areas. The commission consists of eleven members: four appointed by the City of Gainesville, one of which is the Mayor or designee; two appointed by the Park Commission; and five appointed by the Hall County Commission, one of which is the Chairman or designee. The term of office is three years. Terms always expire on March 26th. Members are appointed by the City, the County and the Chicopee Area Parks Commission. The Commission is referenced in the Code Book. The primary contact is the Chairman of the Commission.

Ethics Committee

The purpose of this committee is to receive, review, investigate and determine if a complaint made against a city official is justified, frivolous, patently unfounded or fails to state facts sufficient to invoke disciplinary jurisdiction of the Council. The committee consists of five members appointed by Council for four-year terms, all of which shall be residents of the City. This Committee is referenced in the Code Book. The City Clerk is the primary contact.

Friends of the Parks (FOP)

The Friends of Gainesville Parks and Greenway's, Inc., is a partnership with the City of Gainesville and Gainesville Parks and Recreation whose mission is "To serve as a cultural, educational and recreational resource to develop, beautify, maintain, restore and preserve passive and active leisure pursuits in Gainesville, Hall County. Initial appointments were made in December 1996. The term of office is three years and limited to two consecutive terms excluding the initial term. The City appoints 1/3 of the members and the remaining appointments are made by the Board. The primary contact for the City's appointments is the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Gainesville Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board

The Gainesville Convention and Visitors Bureau Authority was established in 2015 by an act of the Georgia Legislature. The City of Gainesville contracts with the GCVB to promote the downtown and midtown area of Gainesville as a destination for business and leisure travel, to attract conventions and trade shows in cooperation with area hotels and to encourage tourism to the city in general. The board consists of 7 members who serve two-year terms. Five of the members represent area hotels, attractions, and restaurants and two are City employees. The primary contact for the City's appointments is the Director of Communications and Tourism.

Gainesville-Hall Development Authority

This authority was established March 3, 1964 and consists of nine members who shall be residents of Hall County, within or without the corporate limits of the City of Gainesville, and not less than 30 years of age at the time of appointment. No more than one member shall be selected from any one family, partnership or other business organization when making nominations/appointments. The members are selected in the following manner: Directors of the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce shall select and nominate persons for appointment and submit names to the City. The City shall appoint four individuals to the Authority. The County appoints four members also. The eight appointed members shall select the ninth member to serve a full term. The term of office is four years. This Authority is referenced in the Code Book. The primary contact is the Director of Economic Development at the Chamber of Commerce.

Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation (GNPDF)

The purpose of the foundation is to eliminate slums, combat community deterioration, secure adequate housing, and improve the living conditions for residents of the City, including land purchase and project development, and to engage in all lawful activities directly or indirectly related thereto. This foundation consists of nine members with a representative from each ward and four at-large appointments. The term of office is for two years. Articles of Incorporation are on file with the State of Georgia. The primary contact is the Director of Community Development.

Gainesville Redevelopment Authority

This authority consists of nine voting members that operate, manage or work for a business within the City or own real property within the City. The Council shall make eight appointments and those appointees shall appoint the ninth member. (Nominations received from the Authority.) The term of office is four years and always expire in June. This Authority is addressed in the related laws section of the Code Book.

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

The purpose of this commission is to carry out the duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Unified Land Development Code. The commission consists of five members representing each ward who have demonstrated special interest, experience or education in history, architecture or the preservation of historic resources or professionals in such fields. One Council Member is appointed each year to serve as an ex-officio. The term of office is three years. The primary contact is the Community Development Director.

Housing Authority

The purpose of this authority is to provide opportunities for people experiencing barriers to housing because of income, disability or special needs in an environment which preserves personal dignity, and in a manner which maintains the public trust. This authority consists of five persons appointed by the Mayor, one of which must be a resident of said Housing Authority. The term of office is five years. The Housing Authority was created via legislative action through the State of Georgia and the primary contact is the Executive Director of the Housing Authority.

Main Street Advisory Board

The purpose of this committee is to advise and assist with downtown development, business recruitment, event and activities, historic preservation/education and revitalization of the Downtown Square and Midtown areas. Main Street Gainesville utilizes a 4 point approach with focus on business development, organization, design and promotions. The goal of this organization is to preserve our resources, encourage business growth, historic preservation and to bring more awareness to the Downtown area. The board consists of seven members and one ex-officio member. The term of office is two years. The primary contact is the Main Street Manager and Communications and Tourism Director. The Board was formed by Business Resolution 2010-02.

Metropolitan Planning Organization - Community Advisory Committee (MPOCAC)

The purpose of this committee is to advise the MPO Policy Committee on matters of public opinion from individual citizens and citizen groups regarding the community's transportation plan. Council appoints five of the 19 members as part of the Gainesville-Hall MPO which meets four times per year. The term of office is three years. The primary contacts for this Committee are Gainesville's Public Works Director and the Hall County Transportation Planning Manager.

Parks & Recreation Board

This board was established as a legally separate entity through a special election in 1924, held pursuant to the Georgia Code of 1922, 69-6 et seq., now codified as O.C.G.A. 36-64-1. The board operates pursuant to this Code. The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Mayor subject to approval by the Council. The term of office is five years. The primary contact is the Director of the Parks and Recreation Agency.

Planning & Appeals Board

The purpose of this board is to make recommendations to the governing body regarding (1) the comprehensive plan (2) annexation, rezoning, and special use applications and (3) text amendments. The Board also makes decisions on variances and administrative appeals. This board consists of seven residents of Gainesville including a representative from each ward, a Chairman and a Vice Chairman. The term of office is two years and expires on November 30th. The Board is referenced in the Unified Land Development Code and the primary contact is the Community Development Director.

SPLOST VII Citizens Review Committee

The mission of this committee is to ensure that all Hall County and Gainesville SPLOST VII projects will be completed in an efficient, transparent and fully accountable manner; to ensure that the SPLOST VII project list as approved supports the safety and security of all citizens; to provide infrastructure improvements that support current and future residents, businesses, and public facilities; to enhance the maintenance of a high quality of life through recreational opportunities and support for economic development. The committee was created in connection with the SPLOST VII approved by Hall County voters on March 17, 2015 and its responsibilities are defined in an Intergovernmental Agreement between Hall County and Gainesville executed on May 14, 2015.

Tax Allocation District (TAD) Advisory Committee

This committee was established via Business Resolution 2009-08 based upon an Intergovernmental Agreement with Hall County and the Gainesville City School District. It includes representatives/designees from the City of Gainesville, Hall County Government, Gainesville Board of Education, the Chamber of Commerce or Main Street Board, the real estate or development industry and the banking/finance industry. The primary contact is the Community Development Director.