



Youth Commission:

This commission develops mutual understanding and respect between young people and adult residents of Vista. The Youth Commission sponsors various programs in the city, including a forum that involved youth and community leaders to discuss the needs of teens. They provide sponsorships to low income youth to allow participation in community programs. In addition, they assist at community events and provide volunteer services which helps reduce costs for the City.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Advisory Committee:

This committee provides recommendations to the City Council for social service projects that will benefit Vista's low and moderate income residents. The Committee reviews the proposals and makes recommendations to the City Council for projects that can assist the City in meeting its community development goals. The high priority project areas include: Youth, Seniors, Persons with Special Needs, and Revitalization in the Townsite Area.

Mobile Home Park Review Board:

This board provides a forum for hearing and investigating complaints from residents and owners regarding relationships and conditions in all mobile home parks in the city and provides a means for resolving such complaints and disputes.

Investment Advisory Committee:

This group reviews the practices and procedures of the Treasurer by reviewing the quarterly transactions to determine if the Treasurer has complied with the City's Investment Policy. It also reviews the policies of the City with respect to investment activities.

Building Board of Appeal:

This board hears appeals of orders, decisions and determinations made by the Building Official relative to the application and interpretation of the Building Code. Experience and training are necessary to qualify the members to discuss and rule on building matters.

How to Apply

The application process for commissions, boards and committees is simple: Applications are available in the City Clerk's office, or from the City's website at www.ci.vista.ca.us/gov/city_clerk/.

For questions or comments, please contact the City Clerk's office at (760) 639-6125.



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There are many opportunities for residents to be involved in their community. One of them is by serving on a City committee or commission. The City Council appoints residents to these advisory groups to help create programs, generate solutions to problems, and to help resolve disputes and foster positive relationships in the community. This brochure provides a brief description of the City's various groups.

Beautification Improvement Commission:

This commission advises the City Council and City Manager in matters concerning environmental quality, neighborhood beautification programs, public area enhancement programs, and increasing civic pride through community involvement. The BIC is instrumental in carrying out the efforts of the Community Cleanup program as well as Vistas ROC. The Commission has also been instrumental in removing blight within the city, as well as assisting in the graffiti abatement effort.

Senior Citizens' Affairs Commission:

This commission identifies, studies and analyzes the problems and needs pertaining to senior citizens and devises methods of focusing the attention of the community to solving them. Some of the recent successes have been the Out & About Transportation Program which has been duplicated throughout the County and has been the model used by other agencies. The program is a combination of bus transportation to seniors for shopping, entertainment and meals, as well as, reimbursement to individuals who provide transportation to seniors. Another success story is the Senior Nutrition Program which is the largest of its kind in North County and provides over 850 meals per day.

Crime and Substance Abuse Prevention Commission:

This commission encourages support and involvement of the public to prevent or reduce crimes and substance abuse throughout the community and investigates and evaluates methods for preventing criminal activities. The commission also advises the City Council on legislation, programs, and policies which would contribute to crime prevention. These tasks are accomplished by meeting with citizens in specific neighborhoods to help residents take steps that can eliminate criminal activities in their neighborhoods. The Commission works closely with the Crime Prevention Unit of the Sheriff's Department and helps coordinate Neighborhood Watch Recognition events as well as National Night Out activities.

Community Outreach Committee:

The Community Outreach Committee has been charged by the City Council to develop programs that increase citizen participation in the community. Its goals are to increase voter participation through education and registration; and, to facilitate the expansion of community involvement in civic affairs.

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission reviews and acts on applications for land use permits, and makes recommendations on amendments to the City Council on General Plan elements and amendments, and zoning regulations. This commission is different than most commissions, in that it is not only acts in an advisory capacity, but also makes key land use decisions on Site Development Plans and Tentative Subdivision Maps. These decisions are very important because they have impacts on the aesthetics and land use patterns of the community.

Parks and Recreation Commission:

The Parks and Recreation Commission advises the City Council, City Manager, and the Director of Parks and Community Services on matters concerning parks and recreation, and assists in the coordination of all public agencies and civic organizations to provide sound parks and recreation planning and programming. The commission helps promote existing programs like the Youth Basketball Association, Fourth of July Event, Scottish Highland Games and the Moonlight Amphitheatre. This group is also involved in new programs like the proposed Dog Park through soliciting input from residents.

Traffic Commission:

This commission advises the City Council on matters relating to safe and efficient movement of traffic, including pedestrians and bicycles, upon existing streets, roads, and highways of the City. The commission is involved with the School Safety Committee, the "Keep Kids Alive – Drive 25" program, the Federal Department of Transportation's "Walk to School Day", and frequently meets with neighborhood groups to address traffic concerns in specific areas.

Public Arts Commission:

This commission promotes and supports the public display appreciation of art in the city. The commission's charge is to: 1) reflect on the diverse nature of Vista's population, history, and growth through the display of public art; 2) cultivate audiences for public art; 3) foster sponsorship and stewardship of public art; and 4) expand the opportunities for residents to experience public art.