

Summary of Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is appointed by the City Council and is tasked with directing the long-term growth and development of the City through the ongoing review, approval, and/or recommendations on land use development projects, general plan land use policies, zoning regulations, and associated specific plans, rules and regulations. The Planning Commission helps facilitate future growth and development as envisioned by the City by providing expert input during their deliberation on land use planning matters at community meetings and public hearings. The Planning Commission also hears zoning-related applications and appeals of zoning decisions.

Police Commission

When making appointments to the Commission, Council should appoint the best qualified candidate(s) and strive for diversity of ethnicities, color, gender, professions, or other characteristics of our Burbank community. Further, in making appointments the Council should consider the candidate's experience, interest in, and knowledge of law enforcement practices, social work and care work, re-entry services, clinical psychology, homelessness advocacy or services, and/or other related expertise.

Infrastructure Oversight Board

When making appointments to the Board, Council should consider not only diversity, but also the appointee's interest in and knowledge of City infrastructure projects, methods, and procedures. As such, Council should consider appointment of architects, civil engineers, as well as professionals with expertise in other areas such as project management, urban planning, traffic engineering, structures/buildings, construction management, budget/finance, and/or other related expertise. Toward this end, when recruiting for open positions on this Board, the City Clerk in any advertisements shall encourage civil engineers, as well as professionals with expertise in other areas such as transportation, urban planning, traffic engineering, structures/buildings, construction management, budget/finance, to apply.

Burbank Cultural Arts Commission

The Burbank Cultural Arts Commission shall make policy and funding recommendations on matters related to the implementation of the City's Cultural Arts Plan, help engage the community by participating in various public education, outreach, and promotional activities related to cultural arts and other duties as requested by Council. The Commission shall be composed of the following members: a. Nine (9) members, six (6) Burbank residents and three (3) Burbank residents or non-residents, appointed by the City Council as follows: from the business community at-large, who is engaged in the arts, or who represents a diversity of art disciplines such as: arts education; art in public places; dance; live theatre; film, studio and recording industry; media affiliated resources; music; and visual arts.

Transportation Commission

The Transportation Commission works to develop an adaptable and efficient mobility system that enhances Burbank's quality of life, strengthens its economy, and ensures equal access. The Transportation Commission guides the community and Council on advancing the City's transportation system, implementing adopted plans such as the Burbank2035 General Plan Mobility Element and Complete our Streets Plan, and monitoring the use of transportation funding. Their recommendations prioritize a balanced network that meets the needs of all users, including transit riders, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and individuals with mobility, visual, or hearing challenges. The Commission may also make recommendations on traffic programs and parking.

Sustainable Burbank Commission

The Sustainable Burbank Commission shall advise and make recommendations to the City Council on matters related to the implementation of the City of Burbank Sustainability Action Plan and help engage the community by participating in various public education, outreach, and promotional activities related to environmental sustainability. The Sustainable Burbank Commission shall be composed of the following members: Nine (9) members to be appointed by City Council from the following: six (6) Burbank residents and three (3) members may be residents or non-residents representing either the business community at large who is engaged in environmental issues, the real estate or development industry or faith-based or non-profit community.

Park, Recreation and Community Services Board

The Park, Recreation and Community Services Board supports the Park, Recreation, and Community Services Department to carry out its mission to provide enrichment opportunities through dedicated people, beautiful parks, and inspiring programs. As an advisory body to the City Council, the Board makes recommendations to the Council on all matters pertaining to public parks, squares, and grounds in the City, including rules and regulations; acquisition of park sites; matters affecting policy, procedures, and operations; contracts; funding and awarding grants.