

COMMISSION DESCRIPTIONS

New Hope City Ordinance provides for several advisory commissions including: Citizens Advisory, Human Rights, Northwest Hennepin Human Services Advisory, Personnel Board, and Planning. The purpose of each advisory commission is to provide input to the City Council or City Manager regarding specific issues. Citizen commissions contribute to the quality of life in the community by assisting the City Council in an advisory capacity regarding a wide range of activities. Members volunteer their time to attend frequent meetings addressing matters relevant to the particular commission.

The Citizen Advisory Commission acts as a resource group, and an informational, educational coordinator to the community on subjects and matters assigned by the Council for study, analysis, and recommendations. The Citizen Advisory Commission is also free to study any subject they believe has importance to the citizens of the City. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Commission consists of members serving two-year terms.

The Human Rights Commission advises the City Council on human relations and civil rights issues, and acts in an advisory capacity with respect to planning or operation of any city service or program on issues of civil and human services and recommends the adoption of such specific policies or actions as are needed to provide for full equal opportunity in the community. Also, the Commission is active in educating the community regarding the Minnesota Human Rights Act. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members serve two-year terms.

The Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council Advisory Commission serves as the primary vehicle through which consumers, family members and concerned residents have taken part in the planning and provision of social services in the 15 communities of Northwest Hennepin County. The Commission is comprised of two appointed citizen representatives from each of the member communities. Experience in human service programs is helpful but not required. The most important quality is a sincere concern for human service needs in the community. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. Members serve two-year terms.

The Personnel Board is responsible for the recruitment and the hiring process of all employees covered by the Personnel Ordinance; the establishment of general personnel rules; and advising the City Manager on personnel policies and issues. The Board consists of three members serving three-year terms. Meetings are held on an as-needed basis.

The Planning Commission carries on planning activities regulating future physical development, unplatted properties, and subdivisions of land in the City, and makes recommendations to Council regarding matters affecting zoning, platting, commercial/industrial expansions and redevelopment, and public improvements. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Members serve three-year terms.

The Planning Commission is divided into two sub-committees: 1) Codes and Standards which has the responsibility to review code text amendments; and 2) Design and Review which reviews site/building expansion projects.