

**BILL021(24)**  
**Testimony**

**MISC. COMM. 180**

COUNCIL

## **COUNCIL Meeting**

Meeting Date: Apr 17, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

Support: 0

Oppose: 0

I wish to comment: 1

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RE: Agenda Item: BILL 021(24) RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Dear Chair Waters and Council Members,

We wish to suggest a few friendly amendments to this Bill 024(21) Relating to Boards and Commissions based on our past experience and frustrations with this area in out of date or incorrect or missing information.

While the City has done a good deal recently to catch up the information posted on the City's Boards, Committees and Commissions, this is an area that needs constant attention and focus, and we would suggest that since this area is up for a proposed update that we include the following requirements to be added for the benefit of the public and the City administration itself, both for now and in the future.

1. Require that the administration report to the Council on a quarterly basis (or twice yearly at a minimum on fixed dates) the current listing of all Boards, Commissions, and Committees. These should be compared against a list of required and optional entities so that the public and the City Council can see if there are missing or needed entities or people to help the city carry on its work with the assistance of these groups.
2. Full contact info of the liaison in the city for each one of these groups is needed. Each of these groups should also have each member's name, board term of service and expiration, the chair indicated, and a method of contacting each person directly (perhaps by giving a city email address to overcome any privacy concerns).
3. A full, correct listing of information the website for these entities should also require meeting times and locations set for the year, with all past agendas and meeting minutes posted as well as other relevant information on the stated purpose of the entity and so on.
4. All of these Boards, Commissions and Committees should also be linked clearly on the City's website and cross-linked to the specific departments attached to them administratively.

If these recommendations above are undertaken, each board can be quickly and fully staffed, members appointed and confirmed, and regular duties undertaken. In doing so, the City will benefit from member expertise, advice and wisdom and citizens will be served by better decisions and undertakings by the City.

The City formed these for specific reasons and not having them fully staffed and functioning does a disservice to the City, its staff which benefits from these organs, and its citizens who also benefit from better policies, recommendations and procedures. They are basic and integral to good governance. Correct and clear information about them must be readily and easily available for citizens to access.

Thank you for your consideration of these amendments to the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Welch', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Winston Welch, Executive Director