

**BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**  
**2014 REPORTING SCHEDULE**  
**[Reporting Dates are Subject to Change]**

<b>BOARD, COMMITTEE &amp; COMMISSION</b>	<b>ANNUAL REPORTING DATE</b>	<b>REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE</b>
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission	Tuesday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> ✓	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday; 5:30pm, Chamber
Depot Advisory Commission	Tuesday, February 18 <sup>th</sup> ✓	Last Monday; 12:30pm Depot Museum
Citizens & Police Community Relations	Tuesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> ✓	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday; 6pm; City Hall Lunch Room
CRA Citizen Advisory Committee	Tuesday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> ✓	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday; 3:30pm, Chamber
Recreation Commission	Tuesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday; 12pm, CM Conf Room
Airport Authority Board	Tuesday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday; 5:30pm, Chamber
Parks & Community Appearance Adv	Tuesday, July 15 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday; 5pm, Chamber
Historic District Regulatory Board	Tuesday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday; 5pm, Chamber
Library Board	Tuesday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday; 11am, Library
Planning & Zoning Board	Tuesday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday; 5pm, Chamber
Housing Authority	Tuesday, November 18 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6pm, Housing Authority

**IN-ACTIVE BOARDS**

Drug & Prostitution-Related Nuisance Abatement Board  
Enterprise Zone Development Agency  
Historic Preservation Board  
Lakes Advisory Commission

**RESIDENT REQUIREMENTS, CURRENT MEMBERS & VACANCIES  
CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES**

**The Mayor makes appointments to various citizen advisory and regulatory boards, commissions, committees, and authorities with the advice and consent of the City Commission (City Charter, Sec. 3.06).**

**Airport Authority (City Code Sec. 2-41)** – The board consists of seven (7) voting members and one (1) non-voting member who is a City Commissioner. At least four (4) voting members must be qualified electors of the City (3-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **1 resident/non-resident receiving either water or sewer service**

**Current Members:** Charles Keniston, resident  
Jack Neal, resident  
Katherine Rogers, resident, chairman  
Charles Loomis, resident  
Robert Kelly, resident  
Dale Marks, resident  
Mayor Eugene Fultz, non-voting member

**Airport Manager (City Code Sec. 2-41(f)(5))** - City Manager

**Meetings (City Code Sec. 2-41(r))** - The Lake Wales Airport Authority shall hold regular meetings at least once every month and at such other times as the authority shall determine to be reasonably necessary from time to time.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 5:30 PM; Commission Chamber

**Duties/Powers (City Code Sec. 2-41(f))** - The Lake Wales Airport Authority exercises its powers and jurisdiction over the property known as the Lake Wales Airport and properties in addition to the Lake Wales Airport so long as they are exercised pursuant to contract with other governmental entities for the operation and supervision of other airports, airfields, and related facilities. The Lake Wales Airport Authority, subject to approval by the Lake Wales City Commission, is hereby authorized and empowered:

1. To adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business.
2. To adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure
3. To maintain an office at such place or places as may be designated by the City of Lake Wales.
4. To sue and be sued in its own name, plead, and be impleaded.
5. To provide oversight of airport operations for the purpose of input and advice to the city manager in his capacity as Airport Manager.
6. To acquire, lease as lessee or lessor, construct, reconstruct, improve, extend, enlarge, equip, repair, maintain, and operate any airport which may be located on the property of the authority. Nothing in Ordinance 2007-07 shall exempt the Lake Wales Airport Authority from the provisions of chapter 333, Florida Statutes.
7. To issue bonds of the authority, as hereinafter provided, to pay the cost of such acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, enlargement, or equipment.
8. To issue refunding bonds of the authority as hereinafter provided.
9. To fix and revise from time to time and to collect rates, fees, and other charges for the use of or for the services and facilities furnished by any airport facilities or tenant.
10. To acquire in the name of the authority by gift, purchase, or the exercise of the right of eminent domain, in accordance with the laws of the state which may be applicable to the exercise of such

powers by municipalities, any lands or rights in land, and to acquire such personal property as it may deem necessary in connection with the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, extension, enlargement, or operation of any airport facilities, and to hold and dispose of all real and personal property under its control.

11. To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this Ordinance, including a trust agreement or trust agreements securing any bonds issued hereunder, and to employ such consulting and other engineers, superintendents, managers, construction and financial experts, accountants, and attorneys, and such employees and agents as may, in the judgment of the authority, be deemed necessary, and to fix their compensation; provided, however, that all such expenses shall be payable solely from funds made available under the provisions of this Ordinance.
12. To accept grants or money or materials or property of any kind for any airport or other facilities from any federal or state agency, political subdivision, or other public body or from any private agency or individual, upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed.
13. To issue revenue certificates of the authority as hereinafter provided.
14. To do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers granted by this Ordinance.
15. To contract with other governmental entities to operate airports, airfields, and other related facilities and services, including providing all personnel, tools, equipment, supervision, and other materials and services required therefore.

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission (City Code Sec. 2-199)** – The commission consists of seven (7) regular members and three (3) alternate members. The city manager, planning and development director, and police chief or their respective designees shall serve as ex officio members. At least five (5) regular members and two (2) alternate members must reside within the City limits. Members who are not City residents must reside within the City's utilities service area in a residence served by the City's utilities system, receiving either water or sewer service. (3-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **1 regular & 1 alternate; residents or non-residents meeting other requirement**

**Current Members:** Jacqueline Williams, resident  
Mimi Hardman, resident  
Evelyn Pabon, resident  
Lorraine McIntosh, resident  
Noel Phetteplace, resident  
Roberto Maldonado, resident (alt)  
Jaime Rivera, resident (alt)  
Jose Fco Joglar-Gaya, resident (alt)

**Meetings (City Code Sec. 2-199.2)** - The commission shall meet at regular intervals, but in any event at least once each quarter. Meetings shall be called by the chairperson. The mayor and the city manager shall have the authority to call special meetings of the commission.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 PM; Commission Chamber

**Duties (City Code Sec. 2-199.3)** – The Commission shall:

1. Make recommendations regarding implementation of roadway and transportation improvements as it pertains to bicycle and pedestrian needs;
2. Promote safe and convenient enjoyment of the city's bicycle/pedestrian facilities through safety/educational programs and activities, community events and clinics, and other activities as necessary;
3. Promote communication and exchange of ideas and concerns among users of the city's bicycle/pedestrian facilities, city staff and the city commission;
4. Make reports and recommendations to the city commission and city staff with respect to the development and management of bicycle/pedestrian facilities;

5. Receive public input pertaining to bicycle and pedestrian transportation and infrastructure issues;
6. Make recommendations regarding the allocation of funds for capital expenditures relating to bicycle and pedestrian transportation;
7. Assist the planning & development department and the planning board in the preparation and adoption of an up-to-date bicycle/pedestrian facilities master plan;
8. Assist in the design of the Lake Wales Trailway and provide a public forum for citizens to participate in the planning effort for the trail;
9. Help ensure that the Lake Wales Trail (around Lake Wales) continues to serve the needs of the many citizens who use it;
10. Suggest changes in the land development regulations that ensure that we become a city that welcomes walking and bicycling;
11. Have such other duties and responsibilities granted by the mayor and city commission consistent with the bicycle and pedestrian needs of the city.

**Board of Zoning Adjustment and Appeals (BOA) (City Code Sec. 23-206.1)** – The board consists of five (5) members. Members must be residents. (3 year term)

- An interview process is necessary for new applicants only.
- Members are required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **2 residents**

**Current Members:** James Boterf, resident  
Barabra Follett, resident  
Harold Weigand, resident

**Meetings (City Code Sec. 23-206.2(c))** - The board of appeals shall hold regular meetings at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the board may determine. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or vice-chairman with twelve (12) hours of notice.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 9:00 AM; Commission Chamber

**Duties (City Code Sec. 23-206.3)** – The Board of Appeals shall:

1. Hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, decision or determination of the administrative official in the enforcement of these zoning regulations;
2. Authorize such variance from the terms of these zoning regulations as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of these zoning regulations would result in unnecessary and undue hardship. A variance from the terms of these zoning regulations shall not be granted until a public hearing is held before the board of appeals;
3. Hear and decide appeals where the planning board has denied an application for a special exception use permit or site plan approval;
4. Perform any other duties which are lawfully assigned to it by the city commission.

**Citizens & Police Community Relations Advisory Committee (Resolution 2012-03)** – The committee consists of three (3) members with a quorum requirement of two (2) members. One (1) member shall be an active Lake Wales police officer appointed by the Police Chief and two (2) members must be residents serving no more than two consecutive terms. (2-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **None**

**Current Members:** Nathan Minton, resident  
Manuel Crespo, resident  
Joseph VanBlarcom, police officer

**Meetings** – Regular meetings shall be held monthly in the Municipal Administration Building or other locations as deemed appropriate by the committee.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** 3rd Thursday @ 6:00 PM; City Hall Lunch Room

**Duties** - The Committee shall:

1. Provide a forum for citizens to express their opinions about police procedures, and to receive informal information from the police department regarding police procedures;
2. Provide a forum for citizens and the police department to openly and respectfully discuss issues of concern with the hope that concerns can be positively resolved;
3. Provide a forum for citizens and the police department to engage in a dialogue that will be positive and productive and that will continue to foster a climate of trust and mutual respect.

**Code Enforcement Board (City Code Sec. 2-56)** – The board consists of seven (7) members. Whenever possible, membership shall include an architect, a businessperson, an engineer, a general contractor, a subcontractor and a realtor. Members must be residents. (3-year term)

- An interview process is necessary for new applicants only.
- Members are required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **1 resident**

**Current Members:** Melissa Konkol, resident  
Wilena Vreeland, resident  
Angela Jones, resident  
Murray Zacharia, resident  
William Follett, resident  
Jean Kincaid Scott, resident

**Current Meeting Schedule:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 5:00 PM; Commission Chamber

**Powers (City Code Sec. 2-57)** - The Code Enforcement Board imposes administrative fines and other noncriminal penalties to enforce city health and sanitation, local business tax receipt, fire, building, zoning and sign ordinances when it finds that a pending or repeated violation continues to exist.

In accordance with F.S. 162.08, The Code Enforcement Board has the power to:

1. Adopt rules for the conduct of its hearings.
2. Subpoena alleged violators and witnesses to its hearings. Subpoenas may be served by the sheriff of the county or police department of the municipality.
3. Subpoena evidence to its hearings.
4. Take testimony under oath.
5. Issue orders having the force of law to command whatever steps are necessary to bring a violation into compliance.

**Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Board** – The city commission serves as the CRA board. However, the CRA and City Commission are entirely two separate entities. The CRA Board is created in accordance with F.S. ch. 163, part III for the purpose of implementing the community redevelopment plan for the expanded community redevelopment area approved by Resolution 99-6 of the city commission.

**Governing body as CRA Board of Commissioners (City Code Sec. 2-72):**

1. The city commission serves as the CRA Board and exercises all rights, powers, duties, privileges, and immunities vested in a community redevelopment agency by Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time;
2. In its capacity as CRA board, the commission constitutes the head of a legal entity that is separate, distinct and independent from the city commission as governing body of the City of Lake Wales.

3. The CRA board meets annually to designate a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members.
4. The CRA board meets as necessary to conduct the business and exercise the powers of the agency.
5. A majority of the members of the CRA Board shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business and exercising the powers of the agency and for all other purposes. Action may be taken by the CRA Board upon the vote of a majority of the members present.

**CRA Citizen Advisory Committee (City Code Sec. 2-73)** – The committee consists of five (5) members. One member is nominated by each city commissioner. Members must reside, own property or operate a business within the voting district represented by the commissioner provided that the property, residence or business of the nominee is within the boundaries of the CRA. (2 year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **3 members (Seat 1, At-Large; Seat 2, District 19; Seat 5, District 28)**

**Current Members:** Narvell Peterson, (Seat 3 – District 122)  
Murray Zacharia, (Seat 4 – District 27)

**Meetings (City Code Sec. 2-73)** - The CRA citizen advisory committee shall meet at the call of the chairman of the CRA board or upon the request of city staff but shall meet no less than once each year.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 3:30 PM; Commission Chamber

**Duties (City Code Sec. 2-73)** – The Committee assist the CRA board in implementing redevelopment activities within the redevelopment area and to provide advice and recommendations to the CRA board on redevelopment matters as necessary.

**Depot Advisory Commission (City Code Sec. 2-86)** – The commission consists of ten (10) members. At least six (6) members must reside in the City. The president of the Historic Lake Wales Society may serve as an ex officio member. (3-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **2 residents; 2 non-residents**

**Current Members:** Sharon Kurschner, resident  
Mary Walkup, resident  
Jack Neal, resident  
Linda Johnson, resident  
Fran Alvarez, resident  
Cynthia Robinson, non-resident  
Mimi Reid Hardman, President of HLWS, ex officio, chairman

**Current Meeting Schedule:** Last Monday @ 12:30 PM; Depot Museum

**Duties (City Code Sec. 2-88)** – The Depot Advisory Commission shall:

1. Advise the City Commission as to the long-range planning and coordination of the Lake Wales Depot Museum and Cultural Center.
2. Elect a chairman from among its ranks to preside at the meetings.

**Drug & Prostitution-Related Nuisance Abatement Board (City Code Sec. 15-10)** – (inactive) The board consists of seven (7) members. Members must be residents. (3-year term)

- An interview process is necessary for new applicants only.

- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: 7 residents

**Current Members:** None; appointments to be made when board is needed.

**Meetings (City Code Sec. 15-10(g))** – The members of the drug and prostitution-related nuisance abatement board shall meet annually and elect a chair, who shall be a voting member, from among the members of the board. The presence of four (4) shall constitute a quorum.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** Inactive Board

**Powers (City Code Sec. 15-10)** - Adopt rules for the conduct of its hearings and establish procedures; issue orders having the force of law consistent with authority contained herein; and take testimony under oath.

**Historic District Regulatory Board (City Code Sec. 23-208.2)** – The board consists of five (5) regular members (appointed in accordance with section 2-26). At least 50% of the members shall reside or own property within the City. Members shall be chosen to provide expertise in the following disciplines to the extent such professionals are available in the community: historic preservation, architecture, architectural history, curation, conservation, anthropology, building construction, landscape architecture, planning, urban design, and regulatory procedures. (3-year term)

- An interview process is necessary for new applicants only.
- Members are required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: 2 residents or own property in City; or 2 non-residents meeting other requirement

**Current Members:** Lawrence (Larry) Bossarte, business owner  
Jean Donaldson, resident  
Diane Armington, owns property in the City

**Meetings (City Code Sec. 23-208.3(c))** – The historic board shall hold regular meetings at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the board may determine. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or vice-chairman with twelve (12) hours of notice. No less than four (4) meetings shall be held each year.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 5:00 PM; Commission Chamber

**Functions, powers, and duties (City Code Sec. 23-208.4)**

1. To hear and decide upon applications for certificates of appropriateness as required under this chapter;
2. To adopt guidelines for the review and issuance of certificates of appropriateness consistent with the purposes of this chapter, the historic preservation element of the comprehensive plan, and the Secretary of the Interior's standards for historic properties;
3. To make recommendations to the city commission on matters relating to the establishment of historic districts and regulation of such districts;
4. To make recommendations to the planning board and the city commission for amendments to the code of ordinances and the comprehensive plan on matters relating to historic preservation;
5. To make recommendations to the planning board and city commission regarding special permits for properties within an historic district in cases in which the special permit involves work requiring a certificate of appropriateness;
6. To perform any other duties which are lawfully assigned to it by the city commission

**Historic Preservation Board (City Code Sec. 2-182)** – (inactive) The board consists of nine regular members. At least four (4) members must be residents of the City. Up to four (4) members may be non-residents but must own property within the City limits or hold an occupational license issued by the City as

required by sec 2-26). One member shall be a member of the City Commission. Up to four ex-officio members who are not residents and do not meet the other requirements of section 2-26 may also serve on the Board provided they meet the professional qualifications requirement of paragraph (c) of sec. 2-182. Appointments shall be for three years or until their successors are qualified and appointed. The Commissioner member shall be appointed for the duration of his or her term on the City Commission. Ex-officio members shall be appointed for three years. (3 year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **9 members**

**Current Members:** None

**Meetings (City Code Sec. 2-185(a))** – The board shall hold regular meetings, but no less than four (4) times per year.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** Inactive Board

**Powers & duties (City Code Sec. 2-185)** - Make recommendations on applications for nomination to National Register of Historic Places; conduct ongoing survey and inventory of historic buildings, areas and sites in the city; make recommendations to city commission on potential landmark sites in the city.

**Reporting (City Code Sec. 2-185(b))** – The board shall, on a bi-annual basis, make a written report to the city commission on its activities.

**Housing Authority (F.S. 421.04)** – The board consists of five (5) members. Members must reside in the City, own property in the City, or hold a valid occupational license issued by the City. One (1) member must be a resident of the housing project who is current in rent payment or a person of low income who is receiving a rent subsidy through a program administered by the Authority. No member may be an officer or employee of the City. (4-year term)

- An interview process is necessary for new applicants only.
- Members are required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **None**

**Primary Duties:** Manage and control the city's low-rent housing units.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 6:00 PM; Housing Authority

**Current Members:** Norman Kuehn, resident  
Janice Snell, resident  
Eddy Rivers, resident  
Wanda Lawson, resident  
Mellissa Montgomery, resident of housing project  
Albert Kirkland, Jr., Ex-officio  
Commissioner Jonathan Thornhill, City Liaison

**Lakes Advisory Commission (City Code Sec. 2-171; 2-172)** - The commission consists of seven (7) members. City Manager or his designee serves as an ex officio member. At least six (6) members must reside in the City. (3-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **4 residents; 1 non-resident**



**Duties (Sec. 2-174)** - Advise the City Commission on matters involving the restoration, preservation or maintenance of lakes and waterways found within the city; To seek and solicit and make applications for any grants or funds offered by any entity, public or private, if such funds could be used by the city in the preservation, restoration and maintenance of the lakes and waterways found in the city. Any decision to accept offered funds or grants shall remain within the city commission.

**Meetings (City Code Sec. 2-173)** - The Board shall meet at regular intervals, but in any event at least once each quarter. Meetings are called by the chairman. Special meetings are called by the Mayor.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** None; no quorum

**Current Members:** Debbie Allen, resident  
Nancy Kalher, resident

**Library Board (City Code Sec. 2-26,(b))** – The board consists of five (5) members. Four members must reside in the City, own property in the City or hold a valid business tax receipt issued from by the City. One member shall be a resident of the unincorporated Greater Lake Wales area having a Lake Wales address or a resident of the City of Lake Wales if the Lake Wales Public Library is a member of the Polk County Cooperative and receives operating funds from Polk County Board of County Commissioners (Ordinance 2008-07; 02/19/08). (5-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are **not** required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **None**

**Current Meeting Schedule:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 11:00 a.m.; Lake Wales Library

**Primary Duties:** Operate the public library; control expenditures of all monies collected or donated to the Library Fund; appoint the library staff and establish rules and regulations for operation and use of the Library subject to the supervision and control of the City Commission.

**Current Members:** Glenda Morgan, outside  
Beverly Lester, resident  
Jack Brandon, resident  
Cheryl Garnett, resident  
Beverly Lamar, resident

**Parks and Community Appearance Advisory Board (City Code Sec. 2-131)** - The board consists of seven (7) members. A majority of the members shall reside or own property within the City limits. The Director of Planning or designee and Public Services Director or designee shall serve as ex-officio members. The board shall elect a chairman at its first meeting after the first day of July in each year. (3-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **2 residents**

**Meetings (2-133)** – The Board shall meet at regular meetings at least six (6) times per year.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** - 4<sup>th</sup> Monday @ 5:00 PM; Commission Chamber

**Current Members:** Jean Kincaid Scott, resident  
Terrye Howell, resident  
Thomas Gamons, outside  
Marshall Whidden, outside  
Jim Bell, outside  
Heidi Gravel, outside, business owner

**Duties (Sec. 2-134)** - The parks and community appearance advisory board shall, in coordination with the planning board and other boards, committees and civic groups of the city, prepare plans and make recommendations to the city manager and city commission regarding the following matters:

1. *Lake Wailes Park System.* Maintaining and upgrading the park around Lake Wailes and nearby parks including adjacent athletic facilities, Crystal Lake Park, North Lake Wailes Park, and Lake Alta.
2. *Neighborhood park system.* Maintaining and expanding the neighborhood park system to provide neighborhood and mini parks to all existing neighborhoods within the city in compliance with the policies of the comprehensive plan; establishing guidelines for developers regarding neighborhood and mini parks required in new developments.
3. *Community parks.* Maintaining and upgrading existing community parks and facilities; developing new community parks and facilities to serve the expanding population of the city in compliance with the policies of the comprehensive plan; budgeting recreation impact fees in compliance with city ordinances and policies; securing grants and other funding to provide such facilities.
4. *Streets and city entrances.* Upgrading the appearance of city streets through landscaping, signage control and other measures; creating attractive entrances to the city through landscaping and signage; providing consistent and attractive signage to guide visitors to landmarks, parks, civic buildings, and other features throughout the city.
5. *Maintenance programs.* Systems for regular maintenance of parks, streetscapes, and entrances, including facilities, landscaping, and signage to ensure high quality appearance; regulations for use of parks.

**Planning & Zoning Board (City Code Sec. 23-205.2)** – The board consists of seven (7) members. At least six (6) members must reside in the City and one (1) member must either reside in or own real property in the city. (3 year term)

- An interview process is required for new applicants only.
- Members are required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **1 resident or own property in the City or hold a valid occupational license issued by the City**

**Current Members:** Joanne Fuller, resident  
Mark Bennett, resident  
Bob Gibson, resident  
Charlene Bennett, resident  
Sharon Allen, resident  
Lloyd (Jack) Van Sickle, resident

**Meetings (2-133)** – The planning board shall hold regular meetings at the call of the chairman on the fourth Tuesday of each month and at such other times as the planning board may determine. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or vice-chairman with twelve (12) hours of notice.

**Current Meeting Schedule:** - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 5:00 p.m.; Commission Chamber

**Rules of procedure (City Code Sec. 23-205.3):**

- a. The planning board shall elect from its membership one (1) member to serve as chairman and one (1) to serve as vice-chairman.
- b. The term of the chairman and vice-chairman named by the planning board shall be for a period of one (1) year with eligibility for re-election.

- c. The planning board shall hold regular meetings at the call of the chairman on the fourth Tuesday of each month and at such other times as the planning board may determine. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or vice-chairman with twelve (12) hours of notice.
- d. The planning board shall adopt rules for transaction of its business and shall keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations which record shall be filed with the official records of the city. The planning board may set a limit on the number of applications which may be scheduled for review on an agenda.

**Functions, powers and duties (City Code Sec. 23-205.4)** - To act as Local Planning Agency pursuant to the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, F.S., ch 163, part II, and perform all functions and duties prescribed therein:

1. To advise and make recommendations to the city commission regarding applications for amendments to the official zoning map and comprehensive plan, rezoning of property, preliminary planned development projects and subdivisions;
2. To consider the need for revision or addition of regulations in these land development regulations and recommend changes to the city commission;
3. To hear and decide applications for special exception use permits and site plans in compliance with these regulations;
4. To perform any other duties which are lawfully assigned to it by the city commission

**Recreation Commission (City Code Sec. 2-161)** – The recreation commission consist of thirteen (13) members from community organizations providing a recreation program for the community and three (3) citizen members representing the citizens at large. (3-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **2 citizens; 8 community organization members**

**Current Meeting Schedule:** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday; 12:00 p.m., City Manager's Conference Room

**Current Members:** Keri Hunt, citizen  
 Eileen Farchmin, Webber International University  
 Robbie Shields, Lake Wales Soccer Club  
 Patty McKeeman, Lake Wales Pram Fleet  
 Deborah Rheiner, Police Athletic League (PAL)  
 Helen Petersen, Green & Gold Foundation

**Membership (City Code Sec. 2-161):**

Each community organization named in this paragraph shall be entitled to a seat on the recreation commission and shall appoint one (1) delegate who shall serve for a term of three (3) years. A citizen member shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms.

- (1) Green and Gold Foundation.
- (2) Historic Lake Wales Society.
- (3) Lake Wales Boys and Girls Club.
- (4) Lake Wales Charter Schools.
- (5) Lake Wales Little League.
- (6) Lake Wales PAL.
- (7) Lake Wales Pram Fleet.
- (8) Lake Wales Public Library.
- (9) Lake Wales Soccer Club.
- (10) Lake Wales YMCA.
- (11) Polk County School Board.
- (12) Steelers Football and Cheerleading.
- (13) Webber International University.

A Community organization that is formed for the purpose of providing a recreation program for the youth of the community shall be entitled to one (1) delegate on the recreation commission provided that a majority of the existing members vote to expand the commission to include a delegate from said organization. (3-year term)

**Powers (City Code Sec. 2-161)** - The recreation commission shall have the power to adopt by-laws, set meeting times and dates, and decide other matters of procedure. A quorum shall consist of six (6) members.

**Duties (City Code Sec. 2-162):**

- (a) During budget cycles when the city funds a municipal recreation program that includes a recreation director, the recreation commission shall:
  - (1) In coordination with public school officials, all local church organizations, all local service organizations and all local civic clubs, assist in any manner possible the recreation director in matters of public relations between all organizations and the general public.
  - (2) Aid and assist the recreational director in the carrying out of all of the director's powers and duties.
- (b) During budget cycles when the city is unable to fund a municipal recreation program that includes a recreation director, the recreation commission shall:
  - (1) Serve as a steering committee to:
    - a. Coordinate publication of and participation in recreation programs currently run by various parent, church, or other community organizations;
    - b. Identify recreation needs that are not currently being met; and
    - c. Facilitate development of programs by various parent, church, or other community organizations to meet those unmet needs.
  - (2) Serve as liaison between the various parent, church, and other community organizations that provide recreation programs and city staff for the maintenance and improvement of the city's recreation facilities.
  - (3) Make recommendations to city staff for recreation improvements to be included in the city's capital improvement plan.
  - (4) Make recommendations to city staff for program funding assistance to be included in the city's operating budget.
- (c) The recreation commission shall also have the duty to review rules and regulations for use of recreation facilities and make recommendations to the city commission for approval or disapproval of said rules.

**PENSION BOARDS**

**Firefighters' Retirement Board (City Code Sec. 16-163)** – The board consists of five (5) trustees. Two (2) members must be legal residents of the City and two (2) members must be full-time firefighters employed by the Lake Wales Fire Department. Resident members are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Commission; firefighter members are selected by a majority of the firefighters who are members of the plan. The fifth member is chosen by a majority of the other four members and appointed by the Mayor. (4-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: 1 resident

**Current Members:** Robert Holt, 5<sup>th</sup> Seat  
Glen Gest, resident  
Joe Jenkins, Fire Chief  
Roy Wilkinson, III, Firefighter

**Meetings (City Code Sec. 16-163,(O))** – The board shall hold meetings, at least quarterly, determining the notice, place and time of each. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

**Current Meetings** – Quarterly @ 4p.m.; Fire Department meeting room

**Powers and duties (City Code Sec. 16-163 (I))** – The powers, duties and responsibilities of the board shall include the power and duty to:

- (1) Construe the provisions of the system and determine all questions arising thereunder;
- (2) Determine all questions relating to eligibility and participation;
- (3) Determine and certify the amount of all retirement allowances or other benefits hereunder;
- (4) Establish uniform rules and procedures to be followed for administrative purposes, benefit applications and all matters required to administer the system;
- (5) Distribute to members at regular intervals information concerning the system;
- (6) Receive and process all applications for participation and benefits;
- (7) Authorize all payments whatsoever from the fund, and to notify the disbursing agent, in writing, of approved benefit payments and other expenditures arising through operation of the system and fund;
- (8) Have performed actuarial studies and annual actuarial valuations and make recommendations regarding any and all changes in the provisions of the system;
- (9) Select a secretary, who shall keep a complete minute book of the actions, proceedings, or hearings of the board and who shall keep a record of all persons receiving pension payments, noting the time of commencement and cessation thereof. Minutes prepared by the secretary shall be filed with the city clerk and made part of the official records of the city;
- (10) Enforce the terms of the plan and the rules and regulations it adopts;
- (11) Direct the crediting and distribution of the trust;
- (12) Review and render decisions respecting a claim for (or denial of a claim for) a benefit under the plan;
- (13) Furnish the city with information which the city may require for tax or other purposes;
- (14) Engage the services of an investment manager or managers (as defined in § 3(38)) of the act, each of whom shall have such power and authority to manage, acquire or dispose of any plan asset under its control as authorized by the board;
- (15) Establish and maintain a funding standard account and to make credits and charges to the account to the extent required by and in accordance with the provisions of the Code;
- (16) Perform such other duties as are specified in this document; and
- (17) Appoint an administrator of the system if deemed appropriate by the board.

**General Employees' Retirement Board (City Code Sec. 16-43)** – The board consists of five (5) trustees. Two (2) members must be employees of the plan elected by a majority of the actively employed members of the retirement system, two (2) members must be a resident of the City, own property in the City or have a business tax issued from the City of Lake Wales, and one member is a voting Mayor and/or City Commissioner. (4-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **None**

**Current Members:** Linda Kimbrough, resident  
Violeta Salud, resident  
James Slaton, general employee  
Sarah Kirkland, general employee  
Commissioner Michael Carter, voting member

**Meetings (City Code Sec. 16-43(O))** – The board of trustees may hold meetings, determining the notice, place and time of each. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

**Current Meetings** – Quarterly @ 8:30 a.m.; City Manager's conference room

**Powers & Duties (City Code Sec. 16-43 (I)):** The powers, duties and responsibilities of the board of trustees shall include the power and duty to:

- (1) Construe the provisions of the system and determine all questions arising thereunder;

- (2) Determine all questions relating to eligibility and participation;
- (3) Determine and certify the amount of all retirement allowances or other benefits hereunder;
- (4) Establish uniform rules and procedures to be followed for administrative purposes, benefit applications and all matters required to administer the system;
- (5) Distribute to members at regular intervals information concerning the system;
- (6) Receive and process all applications for participation and benefits;
- (7) Authorize all payments whatsoever from the fund, and to notify the disbursing agent, in writing, of approved benefit payments and other expenditures arising through operation of the system and fund;
- (8) Have performed actuarial studies and annual actuarial valuations and make recommendations regarding any and all changes in the provisions of the system;
- (9) Select a secretary, who shall keep a complete minute book of the actions, proceedings, or hearings of the board and who shall keep a record of all persons receiving pension payments, noting the time of commencement and cessation thereof. Minutes prepared by the secretary shall be filed with the city clerk and made part of the official records of the city.
- (10) Enforce the terms of the plan and the rules and regulations it adopts;
- (11) Direct the crediting and distribution of the trust;
- (12) Review and render decisions respecting a claim for (or denial of a claim for) a benefit under the plan;
- (13) Furnish the city with information which the city may require for tax or other purposes;
- (14) Engage the services of an investment manager or managers (as defined in act section 3(38)), each of whom shall have such power and authority to manage, acquire or dispose of any plan asset under its control as authorized by the board;
- (15) Establish and maintain a funding standard account and make credits and charges to the account to the extent required by and in accordance with the provisions of the Code;
- (16) Perform such other duties as are specified in this document.

**Police Officers' Retirement Board (City Code Sec. 16-233)** – The board consists of five (5) trustees. Two (2) members must be legal residents of the City and two (2) members must be full-time police officers' employed by the Lake Wales Police Department. Resident members are appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Commission; police officer members are elected by a majority of the police officers who are members of the plan. The fifth member is chosen by a majority of the other four members and appointed by the Mayor. (4-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: **1 resident**

**Current Members:** Patrick Quinn, police officer, 5<sup>th</sup> Seat  
 Joe Elrod, police officer  
 Mark Stroup, police officer  
 Leon Weech, resident

**Meetings (City Code Sec. 16-233 (O))** – The board shall hold meetings, at least quarterly, determining the notice, place and time of each. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

**Current Meetings** – Quarterly @ 4p.m.; Fire Department meeting room

**Powers & Duties (City Code Sec. 16-233 (I))** - The powers, duties and responsibilities of the board shall include the power and duty to:

- (1) Construe the provisions of the system and determine all questions arising thereunder;
- (2) Determine all questions relating to eligibility and participation;
- (3) Determine and certify the amount of all retirement allowances or other benefits hereunder;
- (4) Establish uniform rules and procedures to be followed for administrative purposes, benefit applications and all matters required to administer the system;
- (5) Distribute to members at regular intervals information concerning the system;
- (6) Receive and process all applications for participation and benefits;

- (7) Authorize all payments whatsoever from the fund, and to notify the disbursing agent, in writing, of approved benefit payments and other expenditures arising through operation of the system and fund;
- (8) Have performed actuarial studies and annual actuarial valuations and make recommendations regarding any and all changes in the provisions of the system;
- (9) Select a secretary, who shall keep a complete minute book of the actions, proceedings, or hearings of the board and who shall keep a record of all persons receiving pension payments, noting the time of commencement and cessation thereof. Minutes prepared by the secretary shall be filed with the city clerk and made part of the official records of the city;
- (10) Enforce the terms of the plan and the rules and regulations it adopts;
- (11) Direct the crediting and distribution of the trust;
- (12) Review and render decisions respecting a claim for (or denial of a claim for) a benefit under the plan;
- (13) Furnish the city with information which the city may require for tax or other purposes;
- (14) Engage the services of an investment manager or managers (as defined in § 3(38)) of the act, each of whom shall have such power and authority to manage, acquire or dispose of any plan asset under its control as authorized by the board;
- (15) Establish and maintain a funding standard account and to make credits and charges to the account to the extent required by and in accordance with the provisions of the Code;
- (16) Perform such other duties as are specified in this document; and
- (17) Appoint an administrator of the system if deemed appropriate by the board.

## **FINANCE BOARDS**

**Finance Committee** – The committee consists of the City Manager, Finance Director and Finance staff, and two City Commissioners. City Commissioners serve for the duration of their term as a Commission or until no longer desire to serve.

**Current Members:** Kenneth Fields, City Manager  
 Dorothy Ecklund, Finance Director  
 Finance Staff  
 Commissioner Jonathan Thornhill  
 Commissioner Betty Wojcik

**Establishment & Duties** - In 2002, the Finance Committee was established to review the City's financial position on a monthly basis to closely monitor the progress in resolving the City's current financial problems. Close monitoring was to facilitate a more timely identification of new problems should they occur. The establishment of the Finance Committee was endorsed by the City's auditors.

**Meetings** - Right now, the Finance Committee has only been meeting annually to review the annual City Auditor's Report.

**Investment Committee** - The committee consists of the City manager, a City Commissioner, the Finance Director, and two (2) members of the public who are residents of the City of Lake Wales or owners of property located in the City of Lake Wales or persons having a business tax receipt issued from the City of Lake Wales. (Public members serve 4-yr terms)

- There is no interview process requirement for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: 2 public members

**Current Members:** Commissioner Jonathan Thornhill

**Meetings** – The board meets when necessary if there is a quorum.

**Establishment & Duties** – In 2009, the Investment Committee was established in accordance with City Code Section 2-502 for the purpose of formulating alternative investment strategies and short-range

directions and for monitoring the performance and structure of the portfolio within established policies. The committee will formulate and recommend change, if necessary, to the investment policies.