

# Directory of Boards and Commissions Officials

The City's Boards and Commissions can be defined as primarily advisory, quasi-judicial, or administrative in function. Additionally, there are groups that are separate corporations, to which the Mayor and Council may appoint some or all of the members according to the by-laws of the group, which retains a separate identity. Many of the members of the City's Boards and Commissions are experts in their respective fields and the wealth of information they provide on a voluntary basis to the City is immense.

## Mayor and Council

Phyllis Marcuccio	Mayor	(240) 314-8291
John B. Britton	Councilmember	(240) 314-8292
Piotr Gajewski	Councilmember	(240) 314-8294
Bridget Donnell Newton	Councilmember	(240) 314-8293
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	(240) 314-8295

## Boards and Commissions

Board or Commission	Chairperson	Staff Liaison	Phone Number
Animal Matters Board	Karen Becker	Tom Howley	(240) 314-8332
Board of Appeals	Alan Sternstein	Castor Chasten	(240) 314-8223
Board of Supervisors of Elections	David Celeste	Glenda P. Evans	(240) 314-8280
Compensation Commission	Tom Moore	Glenda P. Evans	(240) 314-8280
Cultural Arts Commission	John Moser	Betty Wisda	(240) 314-8681
Environment Commission	Kris Dighe	Mark Charles	(240) 314-8871
Historic District Commission	Janet Hunt-McCool	Robin Ziek	(240) 314-8236
Human Rights Commission	Debbie Dwyer	Janet Kelly	(240) 314-8316
Human Services Advisory Commission	Cynthia Cotte Griffiths	Carlos Aparicio	(240) 314-8303
Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission	Douglas Lunenfeld	Raymond Logan	(240) 314-8320
Personnel Appeals Board	Irving Shapiro	Carlos Vargas	(240) 314-8470

Board or Commission	Chairperson	Staff Liaison	Phone Number
Planning Commission	John Tyner, II	Andrew Gunning	(240) 314-8206
Recreation and Park Advisory Board	Katherine Savage	Burt Hall	(240) 314-8600
Retirement Board	Alex Espinosa	Gavin Cohen	(240) 314-8400
Rockville Economic Development, Inc.	Albert Lampert	Sally Sternbach*	(301) 315-8096
Rockville Housing Enterprises	Virginia Onley	Vacant	(301) 424-8265
Rockville Seniors, Inc.	Mary Jane Walling	Terri Hilton	(240) 314-8802
Rockville Sister City Corporation	James McConkey	Jon McLaren	(240) 314-8625
Senior Citizens Commission	Kathy Neale	Lorraine Schack	(240) 314-8812
Sign Review Board	Douglas Worthing	Tamara Dietrich	(240) 314-8254
Traffic and Transportation Commission	John Telesco	Matthew Folden	(240) 314-8509

\* The City has a contract with REDI to strengthen and broaden the City's economic base. While the staff liaison listed is employed by REDI, this person represents the City as a contractor.

# Boards and Commissions Descriptions

**Animal Matters Board** - A four-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Board mediates petitions; provides written recommendations to the Chief of Police; provides education and counseling on responsible ownership, maintenance, and treatment of animals; and provides advice and recommendations to the Mayor and Council on matters related to the care, training, maintenance, and regulation of animals within the City. (Chapter 3, Rockville City Code)

**Board of Appeals** - A three-member body appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Board is charged with the responsibility of hearing and deciding all appeals and applications for variances and special exceptions, as provided for in the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockville. (Chapter 25, Rockville City Code)

**Board of Supervisors of Elections** - A five-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve four-year terms. The Board is charged with the conduct of all City elections, registration of voters, and the keeping of records in connection with these functions. (Chapter 8, Rockville City Code and Article III, Charter of the City of Rockville)

**Compensation Commission** - A five-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve four-year terms. Established in 1994, the Commission is charged with reviewing the compensation of the Mayor and Council every three years and recommending annual compensation for the five elected officials of the City. (Chapter 2, Rockville City Code)

**Cultural Arts Commission** - An 11-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Commission is responsible for the encouragement of arts and culture in the City for the benefit of Rockville citizens. In addition, the Commission recommends to the Mayor and Council appropriate programs, activities, and utilization policies of the City facilities to add to the further development of Rockville as a cultural center. (Chapter 4, Rockville City Code)

**Environment Commission** - A nine-member body with backgrounds in science, the environment, and education, as well as a student member, whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Commission is responsible for a work program that includes recommending policies and procedures relating to the environment, watershed stewardship and protection, and promoting a sustainable community through initiatives related to natural resource management and development, energy efficiency, pollution and public education. (Resolution No. 20-02)

**Historic District Commission** - A five-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The members represent a demonstrated special interest, experience, or knowledge in the fields

of architecture, history, preservation, or urban design. The Commission is charged with recommending the boundaries of the districts that are deemed to be of historic or architectural value in the City of Rockville and in reviewing applications for construction or changes with in the historic districts. (Chapter 25, Rockville City Code)

**Human Rights Commission** - An 11-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Commission provides community mediation to resolve disputes, as well as adjudicates cases of discrimination occurring in the City. Commissioners sponsor training in mediation and organize City events such as the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. (Chapter 11, Rockville City Code)

**Human Services Advisory Commission** - An 11-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Commission assists the Mayor and Council in deciding appropriate City roles in human services; conducting an annual assessment of critical human service needs and developing recommendations on whether resources should be reallocated to meet these needs; exploring ways to develop new or enhanced services in areas identified as serious problems; and participating in oversight and evaluation activities to ensure accountability and cost-effectiveness of City and outside providers of human services. (Resolution No. 3-97)

**Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission** - A seven-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Commission provides a forum for adjudicating differences or disputes between landlords and tenants. (Chapter 18, Rockville City Code)

**Personnel Appeals Board** - A three-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Board is charged with hearing appeals filed by employees of the City of Rockville in cases of suspension, demotion, or dismissal action taken by the City Manager for disciplinary reasons. (Chapter 15, Rockville City Code)

**Planning Commission** - A seven-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve five-year terms. The Commission is charged with formulating and revising a Master Plan for the City of Rockville. The Commission also reviews and makes recommendations to the Mayor and Council on applications for Map and Text Amendments; reviews and makes recommendations to the Board of Appeals on all Special Exception Applications; reviews and decides on applications for use permits; reviews and approves all subdivision plans; and initiates and conducts other planning studies and functions as necessary in the overall planning operation of the City. (Chapter 25, Rockville City Code)

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**Recreation and Park Advisory Board** - A nine-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Board is charged with encouraging the development of desirable recreation and park facilities in the City and recommending those programs for young people and adults that suitably reflect the needs of the citizens. One board member position is filled by a youth. (Chapter 14, Rockville City Code)

**Retirement Board** - The ROCKville Employees Retirement System or ROCKERS Board ("Board") is a seven-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Board is comprised of two resident volunteers, a Council appointee, the City Manager, a Fraternal Order of Police representative, an AFSCME union representative, and an administrative employee representative. The Board exists under Chapter 15 of the Rockville City Code for the purpose of generally directing the affairs of the City's retirement system. The Board manages the City's Defined Benefit Pension Plan, the Thrift Savings Plan (non-Police employees), and the Retiree Benefit Trust. The Board meets quarterly and is charged with overall administration of the system and investment of system assets.

**Rockville Economic Development, Inc (REDI)** – Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) was established by the City as a public-private partnership to deliver the City's economic development services. REDI's mission is to strengthen and broaden the economic base of Rockville.

**Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE)** - RHE is the City's public housing agency that provides housing opportunities for lower income households who are unable to rent or buy homes through normal channels and initiates redevelopment activities.

**Rockville Seniors, Inc. (RSI)** - This 11-member non-profit corporation was created by the Mayor and Council for the purpose of ensuring that the quality of life for all Rockville senior citizens is improved through the properly supported Rockville Senior Center. The corporation does this by generating positive interest from the community to raise funds to maintain and improve the Rockville Senior Center.

**Rockville Sister City Corporation** - This 13-member non-profit corporation was organized to support educational and charitable programs and to provide a continuing relationship between the citizens of Rockville and of Pinneberg, Germany.

**Senior Citizens Commission** - A nine-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Commission is charged with proposing programs, activities, and legislation to meet the needs of senior citizens in Rockville and with conducting studies necessary to determine those needs. (Resolution Nos. 62-69, 21-70, and 30-73)

**Sign Review Board** - A four-member body whose members are appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The Board reviews applications for sign permits and may grant modifications from sign regulations where applicable. (Chapter 25, Rockville City Code)

**Traffic and Transportation Commission** - A nine-member body appointed by the Mayor and Council to serve three-year terms. The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Mayor and Council and the Planning Commission on all traffic matters in the City and to make appropriate recommendations. (Resolution Nos. 28-72 and 3-76).