

COUNCIL DECISION REQUEST

SUBJECT: Town's Boards Committees, and Commissions

MEETING DATE: January 8, 2008

PAYSON GOAL: NEW:

EXISTING:

ITEM NO.:

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

SUBMITTED BY: Legal Department

AMOUNT BUDGETED:

SUBMITTAL TO AGENDA

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED:

APPROVED BY TOWN MANAGER

CONT. FUNDING REQUIRED:



EXHIBITS (If Applicable, To Be Attached): Table of Boards, Committees, and Commissions

POSSIBLE ACTION: I move to direct the Legal Department to prepare a code change to define the terms Boards, Committees, and Commissions and implement changes to the Town's existing Boards, Committees, and Commissions to conform with such definitions.

SUMMARY OF THE BASIS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

The Town currently has various standing Boards, Committees, and Commissions. In the past, the Town has not specifically distinguished between the terms *Board*, *Committee*, or *Commission*. Although under Arizona law these are interchangeable terms, at a recent work study session, there was a discussion about the traditional differences between these terms. As a result of this discussion and research into traditional uses, the following definitions have emerged and have been drafted:

Board - Standing group that meets as needed, which functions as determined by the Council and/or State law.

Commission - Standing group with regularly scheduled meetings, which functions as determined by the Council and/or State law.

Committee - Temporary group appointed for a particular matter, task or duty.

Based on these definitions, several of the Town's standing Boards, Committees, and Commissions would be renamed unless such renaming is contrary to State Law. Attached is a chart showing the current designation and the proposed designation of the Town's Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

PROS: These technical changes could provide clarity to citizens coming into contact with the Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

CONS: Certain Traditional acronyms would be changed.

PUBLIC INPUT (if any): n/a

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BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS (if any) (give dates and attach minutes): n/a

FUNDING:

Account Number:	Title:	Amount: \$
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CFO: _____ Date: _____

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Table of Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions

NAME	DESIGNATION		
	BOARD	COMMITTEE	COMMISSION
Parks and Recreation	Current		Proposed
Building Advisory	Current/ no change		
Historic Preservation			Current/no change (1)
Design Review	Current/ no change		
Green Valley Redevelopment		Current	Proposed (2)
Housing Advisory			Current/ no change
Surface Transportation Advisory	Proposed	Current	
Planning and Zoning			Current/ no change (3)
Board of Adjustments	Current/ no change (3)		

- (1) Under the National Historic Preservation Act, local governments may establish Historic Preservation *Commissions*.
- (2) Although the statutory scheme under which the Green Valley Redevelopment Area was created has been extensively rewritten, if a group such as GVRA was created today, it would be referred to as a *Commission* under state law. See A.R.S. §36-1476.
- (3) Pursuant to A.R.S. §9-462 et. seq. the Planning and Zoning group is referred to as a *Commission* and the group that hears requests for variances and appeals from the zoning administrator is the *Board of Adjustment*.