

HCC Committees

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Committee on the Budget (COB) is one of four standing committees outlined in HCC Bylaws. "To carry out ongoing reviews of annual budgets of the City of Helena, particularly during the drafting and review process, and make specific recommendations as concurred in a majority vote of the HCC to the City Commission and City Manager. COB members are encouraged to attend city budget work sessions, coordinating closely with appropriate city staff to better understand budgetary methodology and issues so as to facilitate the flow of information and ideas between the citizenry and city government entities. The chairperson shall determine committee membership, striving to reflect a cross section of HCC members."

The committee is currently made up of Chair Harlan Rudolf, Marshall Gingery, Dave Fish and Larry Mitchell.

Committee on Nomination (CON) is another standing committee outlined in HCC Bylaws. "After the second Tuesday of each November, but no later than its final regular meeting of the year, the HCC shall appoint a Nominating Committee charged with nominating members and/or members-elect of the HCC as candidates for election as HCC officers. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three HCC members appointed by the Chair and approved by the HCC membership. The Nominating Committee shall receive suggested nominees from HCC members and members-elect and develop a slate of candidates for consideration. No member of the Nominating Committee shall nominate himself or herself to the slate of candidates. The slate of candidates will be mailed to HCC members and members-elect no later than 15 days prior to the HCC's January meeting. Election of officers shall take place in January of each year at the regular HCC meeting. In addition to the slate of nominees submitted by the Nominating Committee pursuant to this section, nominations for candidates for HCC officers may be made by HCC members during the January meeting. The Chair shall open the HCC meeting for any such nominations prior to the election of officers."

The 2009 Nominating Committee was Lynne Boone, Marshall Gingery, Larry??

Committee on Surveys (COS) is another standing committee outlined in HCC Bylaws. "To enhance the dialogue between the City Government and the citizenry regards the free flow of information, views and policies necessary for an efficient partnership of government and governed. The COS shall identify possible survey topics for examination and coordination. Survey plans and questionnaires shall be presented to the HCC and the City Commission for review and approval prior to distribution. The COS information-gathering activities shall include but not be limited to survey questionnaires included in the city water bills. The survey information thus collected shall be presented in a written report to the HCC for review and approval prior to distribution. The chairperson shall determine committee membership, striving to reflect a cross section of HCC members."

The committee is currently made up of Chair Dave Fish. There are three vacancies on this committee.

Committee on Transportation (COT) is another standing committee outlined in HCC Bylaws. "To cooperate with city/county entities to facilitate the collection, collation, interpretation and distribution of information and comment on transportation issues within the Helena urban area. In particular, the COT will work closely with the Transportation Coordination Committee and the Transportation Demand Management Committee to promote the flow of information and comment on transportation issues. Such activities could include but not be limited to surveys of public opinion on specific transportation issues, newspaper articles explaining issues and concerns, information fairs, and town meetings. The COT will seek HCC review and approval of its efforts as required. The chairperson shall determine committee membership, striving to reflect a cross section of HCC members." The committee members will also work closely with the newly hired Neighborhood Transportation Coordinator.

The committee is currently made up of Chair George Hoff and Marshall Gingery.

Committee on the Website is a new committee formed to make improvements to the existing HCC website. Members of this committee work with the city Information Technology and Service staff to create procedures for updating calendars, news pages, links, etc. Committee members also solicit suggestions from the HCC concerning changes they would like to see on the website and then meet with the appropriate parties to discuss the feasibility of these changes. Committee members may also be involved in the actual construction and design work of the website.

This committee has been taken over by the Marketing Committee: Dan Bernhardt, Mike McGuire, Ellen Bell, Janet Hess-Herbert.