

# BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

## AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD



COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by Mayor & City Council

CREATED: Created by ordinance 83-O-071 dated August 16, 1983, found in the Code of Ordinances section 4-4.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council by making recommendations concerning regulations and control of the airport, its facilities and improvements, and shall recommend to the city council reasonable rules and regulations of the airport and shall make other recommendations to ensure that the air transportation needs of the city are satisfied.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission statement of the Airport Advisory Committee is to study, prepare and present, after advice and consultation with the city manager and the airport director, to the city council a master plan for operation of the airport, improvements to be made thereon, and a plan of utilization of facilities and hangar space.

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



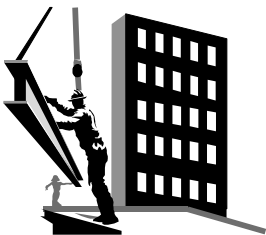
COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by Mayor & City Council whose name shall be included in a lottery. The first 5 names drawn will be the regular members and the other 4 will be alternates.

CREATED: Created by City Charter, section 9.05 and under the authority of the Texas Local Government Code 211.008.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The board shall provide standards and procedure for such board to hear and determine appeals from administrative decisions, petitions for variances in the case of peculiar and unusual circumstances which prevent the reasonable use of land and such other matters as may be required by the Council or by law.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Board in making its decisions shall be governed by the following basic standards: The basic spirit and intent of Section 9.05 of the City Charter, and the City's comprehensive master plan; the protection of residential property values; the health and safety of the general citizenry of Laredo; in applicable cases, the protection of the historic and cultural aspects of the city; in applicable cases, that the strict enforcement of the ordinance shall deny the property owner the use of his property for any reasonable land use, except as may be specifically stated in variances for parking and loading requirements; and that the essential character of the neighborhood is preserved.

## BUILDING STANDARDS BOARD



COMPOSITION: 5 members and three alternative members appointed by Mayor and confirmed by City Council.

CREATED: Created by ordinance 94-O-247, found in Section 24-1.4 of the Code of Ordinances.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The council acts in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council by making recommendations concerning Variances, Actions and Decisions having to do with Building Standards.

## CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by Mayor and City Council.

CREATED: Created by ordinance 97-O-332 and revised by Ordinance 2001-O-040, found in Section 33-1 of the Code of Ordinances.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The purview of the committee shall include all aspects of the environment including water, air, soil, watershed, wildlife, wetlands and native vegetation as they are affected by industrial, commercial and residential development; operations of manufacturing or packaging facilities; operations of transportation and storage facilities; waste disposal; and any other action that has an impact on the environment. The committee shall advise the environmental manager or any permittee or copermitee concerning any matter pertaining to the environmental ordinances, regulations or policies of the city, including state and federal environmental laws. The CEAC has been responsible for crafting all of the City's environmental ordinances..

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

(for City Employees other than Fire Fighters and Police Officers)



COMPOSITION: 14 members, nine of which are appointed by the City Council and the other five elected by city employees.

CREATED: By ordinance 2010-O-17 and Section 12.03 of the Charter.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The Civil Service Commission is a classified civil service system for city employees that provides that appointments and promotions of employees be based on competency and merit; and that suspensions, demotions, and discharges be for just cause, and not for any other consideration. Decisions made by the Civil Service Commission are final. In the event of a hearing, a separate trial board will be created which shall be composed of three City Council nominees and two members elected by city employees on a random basis.

## COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD



COMPOSITION: The Mayor shall nominate, subject to Council confirmation, 3 Council Members to serve on the 24-member Advisory Board.

CREATED: Consistent with the action of the Webb County Commissioners Court, the City shall be represented on the Webb County Community Action Agency Advisory Board.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The purpose shall be to identify the causes of poverty in Webb County, to provide services to program participants, to mobilize resources to address the causes of poverty, to increase the participation of the poor in programs and in solving their own problems, to involve other human services delivery organizations in common efforts to address poverty problems in the county and to get involved in all efforts to eradicate poverty.

MISSION STATEMENT: To identify and address the causes of poverty in Laredo and Webb County.



## CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by the City Council

CREATED: Created by ordinance 96-O-186 dated October 28, 1996 and subsequently revised by ordinances 2007-O-128, 2007-O-239, and 2008-O-071, and found in Section 2-195 of the Code of Ordinances.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The chairperson may report any violation regarding unlawful, improper or questionable expenditures of hotel/motel tax revenues, and any failures of compliance, or irregularities to the City Council. The advisory board shall advise the director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau on the preparation of its annual operating budget for review by the City Manager, prior to the submittal of the annual budget on May 1st of the current year.

MISSION STATEMENT: Promote Laredo as the ideal destination for business and pleasure in the global market place, thus favorably influencing the city's economy through conventions and tourism.

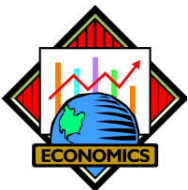


## DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION

COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by the Mayor and Council Members.

CREATED: By motion on September 2, 2008.

MISSION STATEMENT: To assist local agencies in seeking funding and guidance.

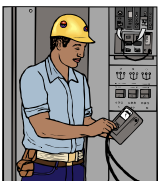


## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by the Mayor and Council Members.

CREATED: By motion on July 6, 2010.

MISSION STATEMENT: To create a comprehensive incentive package for prospective new businesses and also discuss economic development.



## ELECTRICAL EXAMINING BOARD

COMPOSITION: 5 members, three (3) are appointed by Mayor and confirmed by Council and (2) ex-officio members. The ex-officio members shall be the City Electrical Inspector and the engineer from the electric utility company or companies.

CREATED: Ordinance 94-O-247, in Section 24-1.5 of the Code of Ordinances.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: It shall be the duty of the Electrical Examining Board to pass on the qualifications of all applicants for license as a master electrician, limited master electrician, maintenance electrician, and journeyman electrician. The board shall authorize the examination and testing of all qualified applicants, and may approve standardized testing which conforms to the requirements for the Southern Standard Building Code Congress International. The board shall also conduct reviews of grievances filed against licensed electricians, and shall render decisions in keeping with the findings of their investigations.

MISSION STATEMENT: To improve customer service by insuring that all plumbing and electrical work done by licensed plumbers and electrical contractors adheres to the highest standards to safeguard life, health, property and public welfare.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE



COMPOSITION: 4 City Council Members nominated by the Mayor.

CREATED: By motion on December 15, 2008.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To discuss future City Council agenda items specifically pertaining to financial matters ahead of time so that major issues have already been settled and possible changes can be made or introduced at the Council meeting itself.

## HEALTH AND BENEFITS COMMITTEE

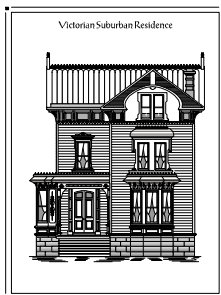


COMPOSITION: 4 City Council Members nominated by the Mayor.

CREATED: By motion on December 15, 2008.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To discuss future City Council agenda items specifically pertaining to health insurance and employee benefits ahead of time so that major issues have already been settled and possible changes can be made or introduced at the Council meeting itself.

## HISTORIC DISTRICT & LANDMARK BOARD



COMPOSITION: 9 members nominated by Mayor and confirmed by City Council.

CREATED: Ordinance 94-O-247, found in section 24.1.2 of the Code of Ordinances.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The board shall have the power to grant or deny an application for the demolition, removal, alteration, restoration, or reconstruction of any structure located in any historic district, or for any locally significant historic landmark. The Historic District/Landmark Board shall utilize the guidelines set forth in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The board shall monitor and report to the Texas Historical Commission any actions affecting any Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, National Register Property, or archaeological landmark within the vicinity of the City.

MISSION STATEMENT: To review and act on all applications to demolish, demolish in part, remove, or alter the exterior architectural appearance of any existing structure within a historic district or any locally significant historic landmark.

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## KEEP LAREDO BEAUTIFUL

COMPOSITION: As a recognized 501 C 3 – Public Charity through the IRS, Keep Laredo Beautiful follows its bylaws which state that they should have between 3-15 (9-15 is ideal but legally it can be as low as three) sitting board members at any given time, appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by City Council.

CREATED: By Ordinance 2004-O-235 dated October 11, 2004.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To promote public interest in the general improvement of the environment of Laredo. To initiate, plan, direct and coordinate programs for litter control, environmental education, water pollution, and solid waste management for the community on a sustainable basis. To implement and maintain Keep Texas Beautiful goals and to study, investigate and develop plans for improving the health, sanitation, safety and cleanliness of the City of Laredo by beautifying the streets, highways, alleys, river and stream banks, lots, yards, and other similar places in the City. To aid in the prevention of fires, diseases, and other casualties by the removal and elimination of trash and other debris from the streets, highways, alleys, lots, yards and other similar places. To encourage the placing, planning and/or preservation of trees, flowers, plants, shrubbery and other objects or ornamentation in Laredo.

## LAREDO COMMISSION FOR WOMEN



COMPOSITION: 18 members - Mayor and Council shall appoint 2 each.

CREATED: By motion on April 18, 1994 and Resolution 95-R-046 dated March 6, 1995 adopting the bylaws. Bylaws were amended by Resolution 2011-R-019.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To identify the needs and concerns of women, develop and assess strategies, including community outreach activities, public-private partnerships, coordination of community and state resources, and recommend assistance and services to improve the status of women in Laredo; participate with established task forces and policy groups on issues affecting women; monitor federal and state legislation, and city policies (ordinances and resolutions) relating to issues affecting women; aid the City Council in finding and recommending qualified women for appointive office, other commissions and boards, etc.; develop a Hall of Fame for women and programs to honor and promote women during Women's History Month in March; and seek assistance from the City Council as needed to fulfill its charge.

## LAREDO HOUSING AUTHORITY



COMPOSITION: 5 members appointed by the Mayor, including at least one housing project tenant. (Local Government Code, secretary. 392.0331)

CREATED: Consistent with State law, the Mayor and Council by resolution declared a need for the Laredo Housing Authority.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: It is a standing advisory committee that "exercises public and essential governmental functions and has the powers necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes and provisions" related to the establishment, maintenance and administration of housing projects, consistent with the Texas Housing Authorities Law.



## LAREDO HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

COMPOSITION: 5 members nominated by Mayor and confirmed by Council.

CREATED: Resolution passed on July 1, 1980.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To benefit and accomplish public purposes of, and on behalf of the City, by financing the cost of residential ownership and development that will provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for residents of the City at prices they can afford.

MISSION STATEMENT: To issue Mortgage revenue bonds in order to provide below market interest rate for first time home buyers.



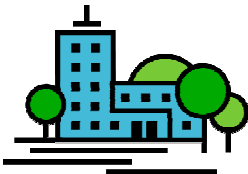
## LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION

COMPOSITION: The Board consists of the Mayor and City Council.

CREATED: By Articles of Incorporation dated September 14, 1976 and as amended on July 21, 1986.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on non-profit corporations under the laws of Texas, including the right to contract, construct, rent, or lease real property and improvements thereon.

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide decent, safe and affordable housing to the citizens of Laredo.



## LAREDO PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION

COMPOSITION: Mayor, City Council and the City Manager as Executive Director.

CREATED: By Resolution 2009-R-146 on December 21, 2009.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To act on behalf of the City of Laredo and negotiate terms with the NRP Group L.L.C. regarding a proposed low income housing tax credit project and authorizing the filing of the necessary applications for low income housing tax credits; and resolving other matters in connection therewith.

## LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by Mayor and Council Members.

CREATED: Ordinance 89-O-100 and found in Chapter 17 - Division 3 of the Code of Ordinances.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The committee shall provide advice and assistance to the library director, director of educational and recreational services, City Manager and City Council and shall serve as liaison between the public and the library. Evaluate library resources and ongoing services with special attention to economy, efficiency, and value to the public. They will assist in the development of long-range plans for library expansion and improvement as appropriate to meet the requirements of population growth. Review proposed capital improvement programs, programs of service, budget estimates, contracts, grant proposals, and library rules and attach a certificate of review. Promote and encourage interlibrary cooperative services. Initiate proposed library rules as it deems necessary.

MISSION STATEMENT: To recommend policies appropriate to services needed, evaluate services received, counsel with administrative personnel and recommend functions and limitations of contracts between cooperating agencies.

## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



COMPOSITION: Mayor and 3 Council Members serve with county and state members on the 9 member board. Council Members are nominated by Mayor and confirmed by Council.

CREATED: Consistent with federal and state laws.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: Responsible for identifying local transportation needs in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation and for proposing and recommending projects for all modes of urban transportation to governmental bodies that are responsible for program development and project implementation.

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide guidelines which allow for maximum local government participation both in the designation process and in transportation planning; the use of areawide planning agencies which are responsible for conducting comprehensive planning; and minimum duplication of effort through the utilization of existing planning efforts and capabilities.

## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE



COMPOSITION: 4 City Council Members nominated by the Mayor.

CREATED: By motion on December 15, 2008.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To discuss future City Council certain agenda items ahead of time so that major issues have already been settled and possible changes can be made or introduced at the Council meeting itself.

## PARA TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

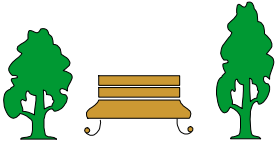


COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by Mayor and Council Members.

CREATED: By motion on August 4, 2003.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To assist and advise the City Council and El Metro staff regarding the implementation of Paratransit eligibility and certification programs, and transit services for elderly and disabled people. The committee reviews the performance of EL Lift paratransit services through monthly statistical reports and special surveys. They review both short and long-range plans, including the plans for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and any other local, state, or federal requirements relating to accessible transportation.

## PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE



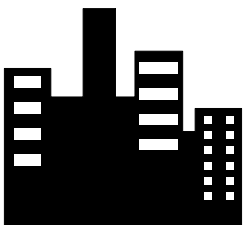
COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by Mayor and Council Members.

CREATED: Ordinance 88-O-030 and found in Chapter 23 - Article II of the Code of Ordinances. Changes made per Ordinance 2007-O-089.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: Committee shall: advise, assist and make recommendations to the director of parks and recreation, City Manager, and City Council and shall serve as liaison between the public and city; evaluate parks and recreation activities and ongoing services with special attention to economy, efficiency and value to the public; assist in the development of long-range plans for parks and recreational activity expansion and improvement as appropriate to meet the requirements of population growth; review proposed capital improvement programs, programs of service, budget estimates, contracts and grant proposals; promote and encourage interdepartmental cooperative services; and make such recommendations to the director, city manager, and city council as it finds appropriate.

MISSION STATEMENT: Enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods by providing efficient and effective maintenance of all parks.

## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION



COMPOSITION: 9 members - Mayor and Council appoint one each.

CREATED: City Charter - Article IX.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To make and amend a comprehensive plan for the development of the city, to include the making of maps of the whole, or of any portion, of the city and to make changes in, additions to and extensions of such plan or maps when it deems advisable.

MISSION STATEMENT: To facilitate, direct and maintain the orderly physical development of the City and its surrounds based on established policies which protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public.



## SOUTH TEXAS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

COMPOSITION: 5 members nominated by Mayor with Council confirmation. Three (3) members shall be City elected officials and two (2) shall be "non-governmental members representing the general interest groups of "Business" and "Community-based Organizations".

CREATED: Consistent with state law.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: This Council is a standing regional planning commission that shall "make studies and plans to guide the unified, far-reaching development of a region, eliminate duplication, and promote economy and efficiency in the coordinated development" of Webb, Jim Hogg, Starr, and Zapata counties. (Local Government Code, secretary. 391.001)

MISSION STATEMENT: The primary missions of the South Texas Development Council are Coordination, Communication, Fund Prioritization and/ or Distribution, Furnishing Services and Review of State and Federal Programs.



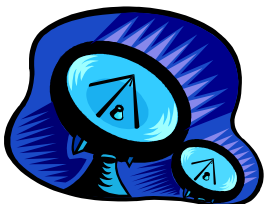
## SOUTH TEXAS LIBRARY SYSTEM

COMPOSITION: 2 members nominated by Mayor and confirmed by Council.

CREATED: Library System Act of 1969.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To represent the Library in matters concerning the South Texas Library System. To accomplish the duties specified by the Texas Library Systems Act, the rules and regulations of the Texas Library Systems Act, and the by-laws of the South Texas Library System.

MISSION STATEMENT: To initiate and enhance the development of libraries and resources in the 26 counties of South Texas and to provide programs to stimulate library awareness and use. This mission includes support of local libraries in their quest to provide better community service with special emphasis on innovations in library services.



## TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by Mayor and Council Members.

CREATED: Ordinance 84-O-130, repealed and amended by 2009-O-053.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The committee acts in an advisory capacity to the City Telecommunications Officer, the City Manager, and the City Council concerning any matter whatsoever pertaining to Telecommunications, Franchised/Licensed Utilities and Public Access Facilities.

MISSION STATEMENT: To meet the highest standards of accountability and of accessibility not only to the Laredo Mayor and City Council, but also to the public.



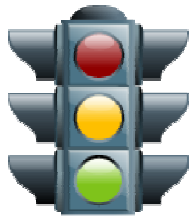
## THIRD PARTY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by Mayor and Council Members.

CREATED: By motion on June 5, 2000.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: Evaluates all applications for Third Party Funding received by the City of Laredo and makes recommendations to City Council as to which organizations to fund at what level.

MISSION STATEMENT: To maximize the effectiveness of City of Laredo grants to local nonprofits, more in depth analysis of their individual operations is necessary. Detailed budgetary information, program descriptions, mission statements, workload measures, goals, and objectives are required for each applicant.



## TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 8 members appointed by City Council and two members appointed by the Mayor. One of the voting members and an alternate, as appointed by Mayor, shall be subject to the selection by the Asociacion de Transportistas. The alternate will not have a vote on the committee.

CREATED: Ordinance 86-O-129 and found in Section 19-24 of the Code of Ordinances. Revised by Ordinance 96-O-180 found in Section 28-7.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: A standing committee which advises the City Council and City Manager on issues pertaining to proposed changes in the transportation master plan, traffic safety including speed limits, regulation of traffic and parking, truck routes and surface transportation.

MISSION STATEMENT: To advise the City Council and City Manager on issues pertaining to transportation and traffic safety which will impact the citizens of Laredo and to enhance the safe and orderly growth of the city.



## VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 3 Council Members nominated by Mayor and confirmed by Council. Committee includes a representative from every veterans organization.

CREATED: Motion dated August 17, 1998.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: Recommend Veterans issues to the City Council.

MISSION STATEMENT: To advise the City Council on issues pertaining to Veterans and Veteran programs that will enhance the welfare of those Laredo citizens that have served in the Armed Forces.

# MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEES

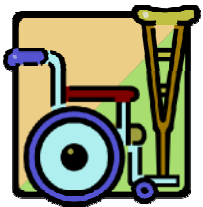


## INTERNATIONAL TRADE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 11 members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.

CREATED: November 6, 2006 by motion and amended on December 3, 2009 by committee vote.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The committee is comprised of local experts in the trade industry and reviews all aspects of international trade business relationships in both border cities and makes recommendations to the Mayor.



## PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 12 members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.

CREATED: On August 2, 2010 by motion.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To work along with the Texas governor's committee to further opportunities for persons with disabilities to enjoy full and equal access to lives of independence, productivity, and self-determination.



## PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE

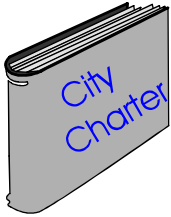
COMPOSITION: 12 members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council.

CREATED: On August 2, 2010 by motion.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To work along with the Texas governor's committee to further opportunities for persons with disabilities to enjoy full and equal access to lives of independence, productivity, and self-determination.

# TEMPORARY OR AD HOC COMMITTEES

## CITY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION



COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by Mayor & City Council. Generally, commissioners shall serve two-year terms.

CREATED: Created by City Charter, section 12.09.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The Commission is an ad hoc advisory committee that shall review the Laredo City Charter and make recommendations for amendments to the Mayor and City Council.

MISSION STATEMENT: To review and suggest changes, modifications or deletions to the Charter of the City of Laredo.

## REDISTRICTING COMMISSION



COMPOSITION: 16 members - 2 by Council Members.

CREATED: City Charter - Section 10.06.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: This commission is an ad hoc advisory committee that reviews the Laredo City Council districts and federal census data, then submits a recommended plan for adjusting Council district boundaries to the Mayor and Council for their consideration.

MISSION STATEMENT: By January 1 after every federal census, or as soon as feasible after the U.S. Census Bureau releases certifiable population figures, the Redistricting Commission shall submit a report that includes a recommended plan for adjusting Council district boundaries.

## SPORTS AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE



COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by the Mayor and Council Members.

CREATED: By motion on October 4th, 2010.

MISSION STATEMENT: To oversee preparations for the Pony League World Series and eventually expand its role to other sports activities.

## VEHICLES FOR HIRE AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE



COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by the Mayor and Council Members.

CREATED: By motion on May 7th, 2001.

MISSION STATEMENT: To deal with issues regarding taxi cab and shuttle van operators.

# DEFUNCT COMMITTEES

## AUDIT and INSURANCE COMMITTEE

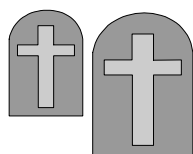


COMPOSITION: 3 Council members appointed by Mayor.

CREATED: Motion on July 18, 1994 to rename the Audit Committee as the Audit and Insurance Committee.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council in regards to Audit and Insurance matters.

DISSOLVED: Transferred to City Council by motion on May 14, 2007.



## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by Mayor and City Council.

CREATED: Motion dated April 20, 1998.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The committee acts in an advisory capacity to study, investigate, advise, and develop a written plan for the care and preservation of the City Cemetery.

MISSION STATEMENT: To maintain equality guidelines and preserve the aesthetic appearance of the City Cemetery.



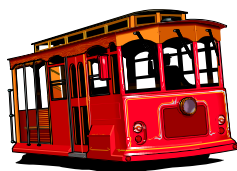
## COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OF LAREDO

COMPOSITION: Mayor and City Council shall be the Board of Directors.

CREATED: Resolution 90-R-103 dated November 5, 1990.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The specific purposes and objectives of the corporation shall be to provide primary, supplemental, and environmental health services through its staff and supporting resources, or through contracts, or cooperative arrangements with the City of Laredo and Webb County. The board was established for the purpose of applying for Urban Health Initiatives and Migrant Health Program grants for the United States Public Health Service.

## EL METRO TRANSIT SYSTEM COMMITTEE



COMPOSITION: 3 City Council Members nominated by the Mayor.

CREATED: Created by motion on November 7, 1994.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: Provide input to the City on transit system activities and on going services with special attention to economy, efficiency, and value to the public. Assist in the development of long range plans for transit system activity as appropriate to meet the requirements of population growth.

DISSOLVED: Transferred to City Council by motion on May 14, 2007 and renamed Laredo Mass Transit Board.

## ENGINEERING CONTRACT REVIEW COMMITTEE



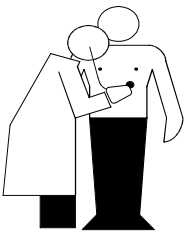
COMPOSITION: 3 City Council Members nominated by Mayor.

CREATED: Created by motion on June 1, 1998.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: This committee reviews public improvement projects such as street paving, drainage, sidewalks, channels, rehabilitation, re-roofing of buildings, and only those projects that involve buildings, bridges, runways, parks landscape, federal/state grant projects, any project in excess of \$750,000, and any special interest or major projects.

DISSOLVED: By motion on May 14, 2007.

## HEALTH BENEFITS/ISSUES COMMITTEE



COMPOSITION: 3 To 4 City Council Members appointed by Mayor.

CREATED: By Council action on April 17, 1995.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To provide benefits such as medical insurance, group life, dependent life, accidental death, and dismemberment and personal accident insurance to all eligible employees and retirees through the City's partially self-funded health benefits program.

DISSOLVED: Transferred to City Council by motion on May 14, 2007.

## LAREDO AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION



COMPOSITION: 5 members nominated by Mayor and confirmed by Council.

CREATED: Resolution 90-R-41 passed by Council on May 21, 1990.

MISSION STATEMENT: To carry out the purpose of the Texas Housing Finance Corporation Act by acquiring, renting, constructing, selling at its cost, low income housing to qualifying citizens of the City of Laredo who otherwise cannot afford to own a home.

DISSOLVED: As per Resolution 2010-R-094, assets transferred to the City of Laredo HOME Program.

## LAREDO DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION



COMPOSITION: The board consists of the Mayor and all Council Members.

CREATED: By ordinance dated March 20, 1981.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To receive financing for projects of the City of Laredo in connection with industrial and commercial development and revitalization of the community.



## LEGISLATIVE LIAISON COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 3 Council Members nominated by Mayor and confirmed by Council.

CREATED: Resolution 98-R-130 dated July 27, 1998

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To advise the City Council on state and federal legislative issues. The committee reviews legislative proposals in the form of bills, resolutions, and state statutes. Legislative Liaisons are hired through the recommendations of this committee.

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide recommendations on legislative issues by reviewing available information and data on proposed state and federal legislature.

DISSOLVED: Transferred to City Council by motion on May 14, 2007.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 3 Council Members nominated by Mayor and confirmed by Council.

CREATED: Ordinance 96-O-186.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: The Advisory Board may prepare and submit reports and recommendations as to the daily operation and/or tourism and convention related activities of the Convention and Visitors' Bureau to the City Council.

MISSION STATEMENT: To advise the Council, the City Manager, or the Director on any matter pertaining to the operation or management of the City of Laredo Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

DISSOLVED: By motion on May 14, 2007.



## OIL & GAS REVIEW COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 3 Council Members nominated by Mayor and confirmed by Council.

CREATED: Resolution 95-R-129.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: Review and study drilling permit requests.

MISSION STATEMENT: To study the various aspects of the Drilling Permit process.

DISSOLVED: By motion on May 14, 2007.

## STREET COMMITTEE



COMPOSITION: 3 Council Members nominated by Mayor and confirmed by Council.

CREATED: Created by motion on June 16, 1981 and named Street Closing - Paving Assessment Committee. On July 18, 1994 it was renamed as Street Closing Committee.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: Reviews street closing related activities within the City of Laredo, including sale of streets to abutting property owners and review staff recommendations on the opening of platted unopened streets.

DISSOLVED: By motion on May 14, 2007.

## TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE



COMPOSITION: 3 members consisting of 1 council member nominated by Mayor and confirmed by Council, the chair of the Telecommunications Committee, Time Warner representative. A TAMIU representative may also serve on the committee..

CREATED: Motion dated April 21, 1997.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To award scholarships on an annual basis to 5 local students who will attend TAMIU. 2 of the scholarships are for 4 year programs and to high school graduates. The other 3 scholarships are for 2 year programs and are awarded to students enrolled at the Laredo Community College.

DISSOLVED: By motion on May 14, 2007.

## TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



COMPOSITION: 9 members appointed by Mayor and City Council.

CREATED: Motion dated April 16, 1998.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: Consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter of question coming within the scope of its work. Review landscaping plans when required for preliminary plat approval for compliance with Article V Section 24.83 of the Laredo Land Development Code, Trees & Shrubs.

MISSION STATEMENT: Study, investigate, advise develop and /or update annually, and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees, and shrubs in parks, along streets, and in other public places.

DISSOLVED: As per Ordinance 2007-O-089.



## WATER ISSUES COMMITTEE

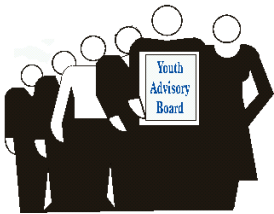
COMPOSITION: 3 Council Members nominated by Mayor and confirmed by Council.

CREATED: This committee was renamed Water Issues Committee upon combining the Water Extension Policy Committee and the Water Ad Hoc Committee.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: Recommend water issues to the City Council.

MISSION STATEMENT: To advise the City Council on issues pertaining to water supply and demand and water issues created by development.

DISSOLVED: Transferred to City Council by motion on May 14, 2007.



## YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION: 18 members - 2 each by Mayor and Council Members.

CREATED: Motion dated January 1, 1993.

GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES: To provide the youth of Laredo an opportunity and a vehicle to respond to current situations that affect young persons.

MISSION STATEMENT: Act as an advisory committee to the Mayor and City Council for the purpose of developing solutions for youth related issues presented by the Mayor and City Council members.