



VILLAGE OF VOLENTE BOARDS, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Name of board, commission or committee member:

Office of which the member was appointed to serve: (or wishes to be appointed to?)

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every member who is appointed to a board, commission or committee has a moral obligation to observe and uphold. Therefore, I, voluntarily endorse, subscribe to and solemnly pledge to conduct myself during my term of appointment in accordance with the following principles and practices.

1. I will conduct the meetings openly and publicly.
2. I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, libel, slander or scurrilous attacks on any member who also serves on the board, commission or committee to which I am appointed or the member's personal or family life.
3. I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion or national origin.
4. I will not use material or information acquired in my appointment that misrepresents, distorts or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification.
5. I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine the purpose of the board, commission or committee to which I am appointed.
6. I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone.

I have/have not been convicted of a felony.

If you answered yes - please name the specific charge(s) of which you were convicted, your plea and describe the circumstances of the charge and conviction. Please note that conviction of a felony will not automatically disqualify you from serving on a committee, but that the information is important for the Council to consider in making appointments.



Date

Signature of Appointee

AFFIDAVIT

I swear that I will support and defend the laws of the Village of Volente, the State of Texas and the United States of America. I am a citizen of the Village of Volente, Texas, and I have not been declared mentally incompetent as determined by final judgment of a court, nor have I been finally convicted of a felony for which I have not been pardoned or had my full rights or citizenship restored by other official action.

Signature of Appointee

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

Signature of Notary

Affix Notary Stamp/Seal Above

Commission Expires



STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

§ ? APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.

- (A) Committee members shall be appointed by the City Council.
- (B) Committee members will be appointed at the first regular meeting following the city elections or as soon thereafter as possible.
- (C) Committee member appointments will be for a term of one year or until appointments are made following the city elections.

§ ? STRUCTURES OF COMMITTEES.

- (A) Each City Council Member shall be a voting member of a different standing committee.
- (B) Committees shall be composed of at least three additional regular members who shall be residents of the city; the exception will be the Parks and Trails committee which shall be composed of one voting member per neighborhood or per street and may have as many other non-voting members that are interested in participating and have filled out the affidavit and application.
- (C) Alternates may be appointed who shall also be residents of the city.
- (D) One honorary member may be appointed who has experience in a field relating to the standing committee and may or may not be a resident of the city.
- (E) Each member of the Council may serve on one other committee as a voting member, if they so desire.
- (F) The committee shall select a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from the voting members of the committee.
- (G) The committee shall select a secretary who is responsible for preparing the minutes of each committee meeting.



§ ? PURPOSE OF COMMITTEES.

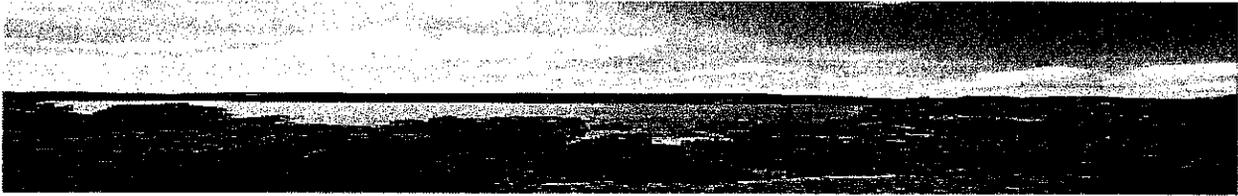
The purpose of committees are to serve in advisory capacity to assist and make recommendations to Council and department heads to research, develop, implement, and evaluate policies, programs, and projects.

§ ? ESTABLISHING STANDING COMMITTEES.

- (A) The following standing committees may be established.
 - (1) Parks and Trails Committee
 - (2) Public Works Committee
 - (3) Public Safety
 - (4) Finance
- (B) A member of the city staff will be assigned to assist each of the standing committees.

§ ? RULES OF COMMITTEES.

- (A) The chairperson or vice-chairperson of the committee shall be in attendance at all committee meetings.
- (B) A majority of regular committee members shall constitute a quorum.
- (C) The committees must conduct their meetings in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act; post notice in the same manner as their parent bodies; and keep a set of minutes.
- (D) Members will hold a meeting as soon as possible after appointment by the Council, to review committee actions of the previous year and plan for the current year.
- (E) At the first meeting after appointment by the Council, the committee may approve a regular committee meeting schedule.



(F) Upon request by any member, the Chairperson shall call a meeting within 30 days or other time period that is reasonable under the circumstances.

(G) Members do not possess legislative powers and are vested only with the authority to fulfill the purposes of the Committee as set forth in § 2.

(H) Committees shall meet a minimum of once each three months.

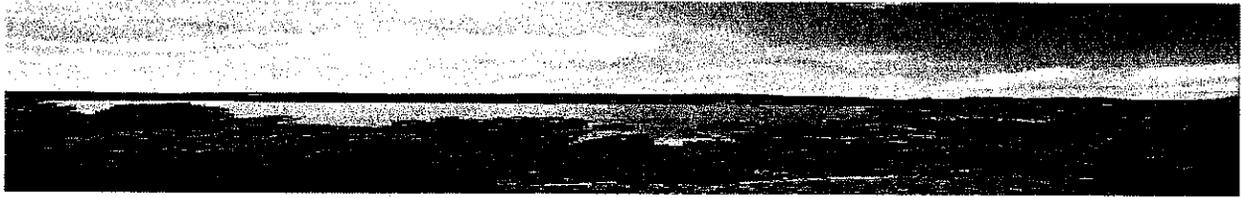
§ ? REPORTING TO COUNCIL.

(A) Committee reports will be made at a City Council meeting.

(B) Subjects and any supporting material must be given to the City Secretary not later than noon Thursday preceding the regular Council meetings.

§ ? SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

“Ad Hoc” or “Special” Committees may be temporarily set up by the City Council and/or Mayor to deal with specific short term items that cannot be handled by a regular standing committee. These committees will be dissolved as soon as the purpose for which the committee was formed has been fulfilled.



Overview

The Parks and Trails Committee makes recommendations towards decisions regarding management within the city's parks, trails and conservation lands including those toward vegetation, restorations, wildlife, trail ways and recommendations to council for green space acquisitions to expand and refine the trail links and neighborhood buffers.

The committee meets to educate themselves with seminars on the subjects that relate to conservation land including wildlife management. The committee may also works on roadside beautification plans and assists in planning the numerous environmental events during the year along with the off-shoot organization, the Conservation Rangers.

The Conservation Rangers are a volunteer group in which over 25% of the city's population of Volente may participates. The Rangers help monitor the special needs of the green space and trails acreage by monitoring, documenting and reporting to public works. In addition to constant informal patrolling, they will hold periodic cleanups of the trails, open spaces, and creeks that run through them.

Eco-Kids, a program for school children, may hold two educational seminars for the public each year. Check the Calendar for upcoming events.

Village of Volente may consider becoming a Dark Sky community, further adding to the sense of tranquility, in addition to making it ideal for stargazing, even with its proximity to a large metropolitan area. The city has a latitude 30.26 03 N, and longitude of 97.54 22 W.

The city has less than 20% impermeable cover, which makes it easier for rain to replenish the Edwards Aquifer and Lake Travis water supply, allows the Village's green areas to flourish and makes wildlife common in Village of Volente, in the water, on the land, and in the air.