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Welcome aboard and thank you to the more than 60 residents and businesspeople who are already serving or who were appointed to the 10 City boards, committees and commissions by Burleson City Council on Sept. 15. The terms officially start Oct. 1.

The boards and commissions include the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, Building Codes and Standards, Cemetery Board, Library Board, Old Town Design Standards Review Committee, Parks Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Burleson Type A Community Economic Development Corporation and Burleson Type B Community Service Development Corporation.

Dr. Ryan Camp is chair of the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee. He along with Janet McLaney, Annette Nielsen, and Lisa Duello were appointed by council Sept. 15. Also serving on the committee are Melissa Stiles-Longoria and Kim Peckler. This board assists the animal shelter regarding compliance with the state's Health and Safety Code. They also provide recommendations to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the City's animal control program.

Appointed to the Building Codes and Standards board are Rick Roper, chair/master electrician; and members Will Gray/electrician, Charley Buckingham/plumber, Roy Songy/master plumber, Bobby Heffner/building contractor and Bryan Causey/fire protection. This board is looking for one more member and two alternates. The member that the board is seeking must be a person who is a licensed HVAC. All members must live in the city or own or be employed by a business located in the city.

Council approved Aaron Childress as chair of the Cemetery Board. Appointed as members were Victoria Helton (youth member) and Michelle Griffith. Also on the board is Lynn Patrick Hebert. This board recommends policies, rules and regulations for Burleson Memorial Cemetery. They're seeking one more member.

Melissa Guthrie was appointed as chair of the Library Board. Also appointed were Mary Manning and Constance Barnes. The board includes Beth Lytner, Christi Hightower, and Jay P. Koval. This board is responsible for making recommendations to council and library staff on library policy and long-range service plans.

Old Town Design Standards Review Committee appointments include Tim Davis as chair, member Art Brucks, and alternates Robert Gray and Jonathan Duncanson. The committee also includes Dale Dexheimer (Burleson Heritage Foundation president) and Jim Wadlow. The board is responsible for reviewing and commenting on all proposed buildings or improvements within the Old Town Overlay District and provides comments and recommendations regarding development in Old Town to the Planning and Zoning Commission and council.

Stephanie Johnson was appointed chair of the Parks Board. Members who were appointed are James Guthrie (youth member), Matthew Quinn and Mary Oliver. The board also includes Roman Pscheidt, Shannan Sutter, Cynthia Plonien, and Steffanie Johnson. Parks Board members advise the parks and recreation department and council regarding the planning and development of park and recreational facilities and regulations governing their use.

Appointed as chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission is Dan Boutwell. Jack Eades and William Patrick Adams were appointed as members. The P&Z also includes Koy Killen, Duaine Goulding, Amanda Harris, and Brenda Gammon. P&Z members approve plans for subdivisions and make recommendations to council regarding land use issues, rezoning requests, amendments to the zoning ordinance and other development regulations, and amendments to and updates of the Comprehensive Master Plan.

Walter Norwood was appointed chair of Zoning Board of Adjustments. Council appointed Tom Collet and Tim Kirby as members and Toni Wanger as an alternate. The board also includes members Tracy Smith and Cathy Webb and alternates Robert Boot, Mike Morogiello and Bill Young. This board is a quasi-judicial body created by the council. Members are responsible for hearing and deciding appeals in the enforcement of the zoning ordinance, requests for variances from the terms of the zoning ordinance, and cases involving the reconstruction, extension, or enlargement of nonconforming uses and structures.

Council appointed Dan McClendon as the president and Matt Aiken as vice president of the Burleson Type A Community Economic Development Corporation. Also serving on the CEDC are Rick Green, Stuart Gillaspie and Ronnie Johnson. Five of the seven city council members are on the CEDC.

And, council appointed David Rubenkoenig as president and Paul Wethington as vice president of the Burleson Type B Community Service Development Corporation. The CSDC also includes Matt Aiken, Ken Shetter, Jerry Allen, Stuart Gillaspie and Toby Ford. Four of the seven city council members are on the CSDC.

If you are interested in the vacancies on Building Codes and Standards, the Cemetery Board or the Library Board, contact the city secretary at 817-426-9661. The deadline to apply is Oct. 6. You can apply online at <http://bit.ly/1mMJMjF>. You can also print off the application, <http://bit.ly/1mMKHcN>, and return it to Burleson City Hall at 141 W. Renfro St.