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We asked, you applied, and 60 were appointed to more than half a dozen City of Burleson boards, committees and commissions. Congratulations! Burleson City Council members made the appointments official at the Oct. 5 meeting.

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 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 Stockemer, Donna Riggs and Kim Peckler were appointed by council on Oct. 5. Also serving on the committee are Janet McLaney, Ethan Johnson, and Lisa Duello. 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.

Rick Roper/master electrician was appointed as chair of the Building Codes & Standards Board. Also appointed on Oct. 5, were Will Gray/electrician, Charley Buckingham/plumber, and Bobby Heffner/building contractor. Also on the board is Buster Foster/Texas Commission on Fire Protection. This board is still seeking a second plumber and licensed heat and air conditioning contractor. All members must live in the city or own or be employed by a business located in the city.

Council appointed Aaron Childress as chair of the Cemetery Board. Appointed as members were Brandy Austin, Lyn Patrick Herbert and Michelle Griffith. Victoria Helton is also on the board. This board recommends policies, rules and regulations for Burleson Memorial Cemetery.

Mary Manning was appointed as chair of the Library Board. Also appointed on Oct. 5 are Beth Perry Lytner, Charlotte Vandervoort, Ann Miller and Daniel McClain. Also on the board are Hunter Preston and Constance Barnes. 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/chair and Jim Wadlow. Also on the committee are Betty Bailey, Art Brucks, Robert Gray and Jonathan Duncanson. 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. The City is still seeking a youth member to serve on the Old Town committee.

Stephanie Johnson was appointed chair of the Parks Board. Also appointed by council on Oct. 5 are Roman W. Pscheidt, Shannan Sutter, and Cynthia Plonien. The board includes Matthew Quinn and Mary Oliver. 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. The City is still seeking a youth member to serve on the Parks Board.

Appointed as chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission is Jack Eades. Also appointed on Oct. 5 are Kason Mobley, Duaine Goulding, Amanda Harris and Brenda Gammon. The commission includes members Dan Boutwell, Curtis Beaman and James Guthrie. 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.

Tom Collett was appointed chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Council appointed Robert Boot, Mike Morogiello, Cathy Webb, and alternates Johnnie G. Abbott, Kari Davis and Bill Young. The board also includes Tim Kirby and alternate Toni Wagner. 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.

The Burleson Type A Economic Development Corporation includes President Dan McClendon, Vice President Matt Aiken, and members Stuart Gillaspie, Rick Green, and Ronnie Johnson. Five of the seven city council members are on the EDC. The primary role of the Economic Development Corporation is to promote employment by recruiting and expanding industrial and primary job generators. The Corporation has played a role in recruiting many of the City's primary job generators such as Chicken E Food Service, AirForce Air Guns, and others. It has also helped the expansions of businesses such as RenWeb and Wagner-Smith Equipment.

And, council appointed Mayor Ken Shetter, Councilmember DanO Strong, David Rubenkoenig, and Mary Slaney to the Burleson Type B Community Service Development Corporation. The CSDC also includes Councilmembers Matthew Aiken and Stuart Gillaspie as well as Toby Ford. The CEDC's primary role in Burleson is amateur sports and athletic facilities as well as public parks projects. The board has the ability to undertake other projects as authorized by the statute.