

Citizen Advisory Council

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The purpose of the Citizen Advisory Council Policy is to establish criteria and guidelines to provide quality programs and services to all its customers and residents by utilizing the input and expertise of a broad base of community members for guidance in the development of its programs and services.

It is deemed in the best interest of the Vashon Park District and its programs for the Board of Park Commissioners to adopt common guidelines and by-laws for its Citizen Advisory Council. Only that group formally appointed by the Board of Park Commissioners is to be named Citizen Advisory Council. The Citizen Advisory Council is a quasi-governmental entity whose membership is appointed for the purpose of aiding the Board of Park Commissioners by reviewing and recommending policy and program decisions that influence broader areas of mission-led interest instead of specific facilities or services.

The Citizen Advisory Council is charged with:

1. Identifying research data needed for effective decision-making related to advancing the organization's mission.
2. Aiding the Board of Park Commissioners in evaluating and recommending public opinion opportunities in order to engage the broadest and most representative voices in park district decision-making.
3. Investigating issues or projects of importance to the Board of Park Commissioners.
4. Evaluating programs and services provided by the Vashon Park District.
5. Advocating for support, involvement or funding as a representative of the agency in the community.
6. Contributing to the park district's program planning efforts.

The council will consist of no fewer than seven members and no more than thirteen members. Effort will be made to assure a diverse representation from the

community. Advisory council members serve without compensation. The advisory council will review applications and interview prospective members and forward recommendations to the Board for review and appointment.