

Advisory Boards of Marion County

Affordable Housing Advisory Board - The committee shall include a citizen who is actively engaged in residential home building industry, banking or mortgage industry, home building in connection with affordable housing, an advocate for low income persons, for profit provider of affordable housing, not for profit provider of affordable housing, real estate professional, local planning agency member, pursuant to F.S. 163-3174, citizen residing within the jurisdiction of the local governing body, employer within jurisdiction and a citizen who represents the essential services provided.

Board of Adjustment - Hears citizen requests for a variance to specific building or development issues on their property due to hardship, and reviews challenges to staff Land Development Code (LDC) interpretations. Reference LDC Division 1.5.

Code Enforcement Board - Hears cases when violators have not, or will not, comply with the County's Code of Ordinances (COO) and/or the LDC; issues Board Orders mandating compliance or possible fine/penalty. Reference §162, FS; and COO Chapter 2, Article Wednesday of each month.

Dog Classification Board - The Dog Classification Board is comprised of volunteers, five members and one alternate, appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to conduct dangerous dog classification hearings and present recommended orders to the Director of Animal Services for final determination. Hearings must be held as soon as possible, but not more than twenty-one (21) calendar days and no sooner than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the request from the dog owner. The terms of the regular members coincide with the term of office of the County Commissioner who appointed them.

Fire Rescue and EMS Advisory Board - Other than individual appointments one member is to be from the one of the full services hospitals (Hospital Representative) and one member is to be from one of the five municipalities (Municipal Representative).

Golden Hills Turf & Country Club MSTU for Road Improvements - Applicants shall reside within the boundaries of the MSTU. All members serve without compensation. Members may participate in the preparation of the annual budget; make recommendations regarding capital expenditures, operations, programs, staffing and proposed budget increases or decreases, provide information and assistance to residents of the district and the county regarding district business, provide a forum for residents of the district and other interested parties to discuss district business.

Hills of Ocala MSTU for Recreation Advisory Council – To provide recreational opportunities and facilities for the residents and property owners within Hills of Ocala/Rolling Hills. The facilities include basketball, tennis and racketball courts, walking trails, and picnic pavilions. A clubhouse is also available for rental to the general public for a nominal rental fee. The Advisory Board members also assist in the budgeting process recommending future activities and expenditure suggestions.

Historical Commission - The Historical Commission collects, arranges, records, preserves, interprets, produces, creates and displays historical materials and data, including books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, family histories, U.S. census records, papers and other objects and materials illustrative of and relating to the history of the county and of the state. The commission also procures and preserves narratives of the early pioneers, their exploits, perils, privations and achievements. Finally, it collects material of every description relative to the history of its Native American tribes and wars, and relative to its soldiers, its schools and churches, its commerce and industries, and other institutions.

Housing Finance Authority - No less than three members shall be knowledgeable in the following fields: labor, finance or commerce. Responsibilities: Members consider financing, acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of housing in Marion County pursuant to Part IV of Chapter 159 F.S. and Marion County Ordinance 80-3.

Industrial Development Authority - Applicants must be electors and residents of Marion County Responsibilities: Consider industrial and manufacturing projects with appurtenant facilities and determine the appropriateness of financing such projects through the issuance of industrial development boards.

Land Development Regulation Commission - An advisory group that hears changes to the LDC by receiving professional & community interest input and ultimately making a formal recommendation on the changes to the Board, including changes to Scenic designated roadways. Reference §163.3202, FS; and LDC Division 1.4.

License Review Board - The License Review Board is a Board of volunteers made up of contractors and consumers that hear complaints from consumers against contractors. The Boards goal is to try to help the two parties to find resolution

Marion County Hospital District Board of Trustees

Marion Oaks MSTU for General Services - To provide enhanced road maintenance, street lighting and mowing right-of-ways within Marion Oaks. Also maintains the front entrance Waterfall within Marion Oaks Community. The Advisory Board members also assist in the budgeting process recommending future activities and expenditure suggestions.

Marion Oaks MSTU for Recreation Advisory Council - To provide quality recreational opportunities and facilities in the most cost effective manner and to promote programs on the grounds and in meeting rooms that will enhance the education of the children and adults. Programs offered in the Adult and Children's activity rooms, exercise room with state of the art equipment, and computer lab with WIFI. Facilities are also available for rental to the general public for a nominal rental fee. The Advisory Board members also assist in the budgeting process recommending future activities and expenditure suggestions.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Council - For responsibilities, see 03-R-180 Section 2.

Pine Run MSTU Advisory Council - Members must be residents of Pine Run MSTU. Responsibilities: May participate in preparation of annual budget, review and comment on programs, activities, operations, goals, and objectives of the district and make recommendations on these and other issues to the BCC.

Planning and Zoning Commission - An advisory group that serves as Marion County's "Local Planning Agency" that hears Marion County Comprehensive Plan, Rezoning, and Special Use Permit Applications, by receiving professional & community interest input and ultimately making a formal recommendation on the Applications to the Board. Reference §163, Part II, FS; and LDC Division 1.4.

Rainbow Lakes Estates MSD Advisory Council - To provide quality, cost effective maintenance and resource management of facilities for residents and property owners. The facilities include basketball, tennis and racketball courts, picnic pavilions and state of the art fitness equipment. Facilities are also available for rental to the general public for a nominal rental fee. The Advisory Board members also assist in the budgeting process recommending future activities and expenditure suggestions.

Silver Springs Shores Special Tax District - To provide quality recreation facilities and services and quality recreational programs to the taxpayers within SSS in the most cost effective manner. Recreation services include a community center, swimming pools (3), youth center and outdoor game courts. Street lighting is also provided. Facilities are also available for rental to the general public for a nominal rental fee. The Advisory Board members also assist in the budgeting process recommending future activities and expenditure suggestions.

Tourist Development Council - The Florida State Legislature enacted the Local Option Tourist Development Act (Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes) in response to the growing need of Florida counties to provide additional revenue sources for tourist development in an effort to stimulate the local economy. The Marion County Tourist Development Council (TDC) was created pursuant to Marion County Resolution 04-R-44, because of the 2004 passage of the 2% Tourist Development Tax (TDT) and subsequent passage of an additional 2% TDT in 2015, and operates in accordance with Florida State Statute 125.0104 and Marion County Code Art. XIII, sections 10-381 through 10-386. The TDT is levied on occupied transient lodging sales, i.e. hotels/motels, campgrounds and other short-term rental properties. The Tourist Development Tax Revenues are designated to promote Ocala/Marion County as a preferred visitor destination.

Well Florida Council - Applicants must be a Provider of health care services including physicians, dentists, nurses, health facility administrators and members of governing bodies of health facilities. Responsibilities: Well Florida Council is a resource for county health departments, community-based organizations, government agencies and healthcare facilities. Well Florida is known for producing the county health needs assessments. Members oversee Well Florida's budget, advocate for Well Florida's services and may advise County Commissioners on health planning for their county, the region and the state. Meetings are held once a month at Well Florida Council in Gainesville. (Specific information may be provided by Well Florida Council.)