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“Boards and Commissions-opportunities to get involved in City government”



Terry Hochstein (kneeling) is a member of the City of Norfolk Tree Advisory Board that promotes trees and educates Norfolk citizens about tree issues.

There’s an opening on the City of Norfolk Trail Advisory Board for anyone who lives in Ward 3 and is interested in promoting trails in the City. If a person wants to get involved in city government, the City of Norfolk has several boards, committees and commissions that people can apply to be a part of.

Mayor Josh Moenning is encouraging Norfolk citizens to look over the list of current boards and commissions and see if there is a place they think they could contribute to City government.

“You have a voice in making our community better. Serving on a City board or commission is a great opportunity to engage in civic service. If you have an interest, fill out the application. Even if there’s not an opening now, there may be one in the future and we will have your name on file,” Moenning said. The Mayor typically appoints potential board members and submits their names to the City Council for approval.

The City commissions, committees and boards include: Board of Zoning Adjustment; Building Code of Appeals/Property Maintenance Board of Appeals; Business Improvement District; Civil Service Commission; Housing Authority Board; Library Advisory Board; Planning Commission; Plumbing Board; Property Tax Compliance and

Review and 5% LID Committee; Tree Advisory Board; and Trail Advisory Board.

Not all boards require the same time commitment. The Board of Zoning Adjustment meet as needed which may be only once or twice a year. The Trail Advisory Board meets quarterly. The Housing Board and Tree

Advisory Board meet monthly. The members of the Planning Commission devote more of their time than do other board members as they have sub-committee meetings besides their monthly meetings. More information about the boards including current members are at www.norfolkne.gov and click on “Apply For” at the left side of the screen and then “Board or Commission Seat”. To apply for a City board click on “Online Application”.

The form can be completed online, printed out and signed and then either emailed to dbecker@ci.norfolk.ne.us, or mailed or brought to the City Administration Building at 309 N. 5th Street.