

OAK HILL

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CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board of Commissioners would like to thank everyone who gave of their time to serve the Citizen Advisory Committee. They are as follows:

South Group

1. Andy Wainwright (Chair)
2. Jessie Zeigler
3. Cal Cobb
4. Ron Galbraith
5. Tim Villager
6. Lara Webb
7. Deb Woolley

East Group

1. Sue Ferguson (Chair)
2. Nathan Sensing (Recorder)
3. Micaela Reed
4. Marilee Jacobs
5. Michelle Wriggle Brown
6. Trevor Howell
7. Natalie Krieg
8. Andrew Capra
9. Rhonda Bingham

Central Group

1. Tom Hayes (Chair)
2. Adrienne Knestrick (Recorder)
3. Winston Evans
4. Barrett Gay
5. David DeMarco
6. Al Moss
7. Julia Gaw
8. John Paddison
9. Mary Wherry
10. Bill Canak

North Group

1. Aileen Katcher (Chair)
2. Tracey Williamson
3. Rob Stevens
4. Chris Goetz
5. John Gawaluck
6. Leena Choi
7. Flynn Doyle
8. David Gunn
9. Jeff Siptak

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The mission of the City of Oak Hill is to preserve its natural resources and exclusively its residential environment; to engender a strong sense of community with a reverence for the past and a vision for the future.

Opt-In to Receive Important Updates

The City releases important information to residents in the form of an eBlast which is sent directly to your email. To Opt-In to receive these news and updates, please visit: <http://cityofoakhilltn.us> on the left side is the envelope icon "Notify Me" click on this link to sign up. Residents who opt-in will receive information regarding the quarterly eNewsletter and upcoming events and deadlines along with other topics. Official information from the City of Oak Hill is distributed from Administration @oakhilltn.us, jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us, robyn.kevlin@oakhilltn.us only. Please add these emails to your safe sender list.

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Meeting Dates

All meetings will be held at the
City Office:
5548 Franklin Pike Suite 102

Planning Commission Meeting
First Tuesday @ 5pm

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting
Third Tuesday @ 5pm

Board of Commissioners Meeting
Fourth Tuesday @ 5pm

City Office
5548 Franklin Pike, Suite 101,
Nashville, TN 37220
Phone: 615-371-8291
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8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



BUDGET REVENUE

The following is a detailed look at anticipated revenues for the upcoming fiscal year running from 7/1/2019 through 6/30/2020:

State Income Tax - \$200,000 = This is the revenue the city receives from the State based on the amount of investment taxes Oak Hill residents pay to the State of Tennessee. Last year we had a strong year even though the rate taxpayers pay has been reduced by 1% a year for the past 3 years. Since the rate continues to fall, the budget reflects only \$200,000 in anticipated revenue even though we received \$554,000 last year.

State Sales Tax - \$400,000 = This line item is based on sales tax paid to the state, with the state then allocating a share back to each city based on population. It has grown over the past 4 years.

Local Sales Tax - \$45,000 = Oak Hill receives an allocation based on population from Nashville receipts. This item remains consistent at \$45,000.

TVA (Pilot) - \$52,600 = Oak Hill as all cities in Tennessee, receive a distribution from the Tennessee Valley Authority which is classified as payment in lieu of taxes.

Franchise Fees - \$100,000 = This line item varies based on entities paying a franchise fee to Metro Nashville. We receive a piece of these fees based on population.

State Street Aid - \$189,500 = Individuals pay gas taxes at the pump. Oak Hill receives a share of this tax based on population. The state implemented a 3 year increase on this tax that started in 2017. The last increase goes into effect in 2019.

Metro Street Aid - \$310,500 = This is a new revenue stream based on an agreement between Belle Meade, Forest Hills, Oak Hill and Metro Nashville. We will receive \$405,000 in fiscal 2020-2021, \$475,000 in fiscal 2021-2022 and then that same amount each year thereafter for 12 additional years.

Garbage/Recycling Fees - \$280,000 = Assuming that the Board passed the proposed budget, beginning in November, 2019, citizens will be asked to pay for their garbage/recycling services.

Building Permits - \$290,000 = Fees generated by residents for building projects.

Interest - \$54,000 = Earnings on investments.

This is a listing of the key revenue line items. If you are interested in additional information, please contact Jeff Clawson. Jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us

City of Oak Hill Welcomes New Codes Compliance Officer

Monty Kapavik is the new codes compliance officer for The City of Oak Hill. He has been married for 34 years and has been blessed with three children and three grandchildren. Professionally, he is the president of the Middle TN Code Officials Association (www.mtcoa.org) and the secretary of the TN Building Officials Association (www.tboa.net). His work history includes approximately four years as the Director of Building and Codes for the City of Shelbyville and 15 years as a Codes Inspector for the City of Murfreesboro. He maintain certification with the International Code Council in 11 disciplines, FEMA in seven disciplines, and, with the American Association of Code Enforcement holding their most prestigious: Master Code Enforcement Professional.

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Conclusions

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was charged with addressing several issues the city has on its' radar. The following are some of their recommendations/findings.

1. Garbage/Recycling Services = All four CAC groups recommend passing the cost for the service on to the citizens. All four groups also agree that the city should continue to bid and manage the contract for these services. Two groups recommend having the contractor do the billing to citizens, one recommends having the city do the billing to citizens and one recommends the lower cost scenario. (which is the city).
2. Stormwater = The groups were asked about looking into having Metro manage stormwater operations. Three groups were opposed to this concept. One group is leaning toward this option but didn't feel that had enough information about existing Oak Hill stormwater processes. Each group was advised that adopting fees to developers would be a good way to generate needed stormwater revenue. Two groups recommend passing on fees to citizens and two groups do not recommend passing on fees to citizens.
3. Newsletter = The groups were asked about the existing newsletter process. No groups recommend continuing with the newsletter as is; one group recommends eliminating the newsletter and two groups recommend enhancing the newsletter.
4. Increase board size to 5 elected officials = Three groups recommend increasing the Board of Commissioner's size from 3 elected officials to 5 elected officials. One group recommends leaving the board at 3 elected members. Two groups recommend considering dividing the city into districts.
5. Chipper Service = Three groups recommend continuing to provide the monthly chipper service.
6. Building Restrictions = Two groups recommend considering more restrictions on new builds. One group recommends more restrictions on renovations.

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Recommendations

The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) was charged with addressing several issues the city has on its' radar. The following are some recommendations/ideas suggested by the groups:

The South Group suggested:

The survey provided to citizens was premature, lacked background information and was incomplete in terms of response options.

The City needs to create a policy to define the amount needed for reserves, the purpose of the city's current reserves and what policies are in place to use these funds for emergencies/unanticipated events such as storm water. These events also should include fire events/other catastrophic events where emergency funds may be needed.

They strongly recommend that more current information is needed on the website; along with the ability to easily find the information.

The Central Group suggested:

They want a stormwater fund established from the annual grant from Metro as related to streets and infrastructure with no costs passed on to Oak Hill residents at this time.

They endorse finding a new provider of communication services.

They recommend making building restrictions the highest priority issue.

The East Group suggested:

They recommend more stringent stormwater regulations and enforcement of existing regulations. A permit fee on new construction could aid in the enforcement arena.

They believe that fines for building code violations are very small compared to the money to be made.

They strongly encourage the BOC to pursue to eh sound wall as a high priority.

The North Group suggested:

They recommend that the survey be repeated in 6-12 months with more planning and professional input on the front end. A possible free source is Vanderbilt Red Cap Service.

They felt that citizens of Oak Hill who are website professionals help the city to make the website more user friendly.

They recommend that each election official represent a "district" of the city.

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Clean Earth
615-371-8291

Garbage/Recycling Pickup:

Clean Earth
615-371-8291

Emergency:

911

Non-Emergency Fire:

615-327-1300

Non-Emergency Police:

615-862-8600

Mid-Town Hills Patrol:

615-880-1411

1443 12 Ave. South
Nashville, TN 37203

Oak Hill Safety Coordinator:

Tommy Campsey
615-557-7329

Caring for New Transplanted Trees

Transplant shock is fairly common in newly transplanted trees. The Arboretum researchers have found that a tree can lose as much as 90% of its root system when removed from the nursery. This causes a great deal of stress on the plant as it tries to reestablish itself. Research has shown that approximately one year of recovery is needed for every inch in diameter. Starting a regular plant maintenance and inspection program to head-off problems early, and providing good after-care will help maintain the health and vigor of your newly planted trees and shrubs.

Water is probably the most important element in caring for new trees and shrubs. Since a newly transplanted tree or shrub has not extended its roots into the existing soil, adequate moisture needs to reach the root ball. Soil type and the amount of rainfall govern the amount of watering necessary. On most well drained soil, one inch of water per week throughout the summer and fall is required to reestablish and maintain good growth. In sandy soils, as much as two inches of water per week is needed.

Mulch is another important element in good plant health care maintenance. Apply a 3-to-4 inch layer of organic, composted mulch (wood chips, leaves, or pine bark) extending from the base of the plant out past the drip line (end of the branches). Do not let the mulch rest against the trunk of the plant. All plants benefit from mulch, because as the mulch breaks down, it provides an excellent growing medium for the roots, and acts as a slow release fertilizer. Mulch will also help conserve moisture, moderate soil temperatures, eliminate weeds, and protect the trunk from mechanical injury, especially weed whips and lawn mowers.

Fertilization at the time of planting is generally not recommended. It is ineffective until the root system has a chance to reestablish. It is usually advisable to wait two or three years before applying fertilizer, and then it is recommended to get a soil test first.

Pruning after planting should be limited to removing dead, rubbing, or broken branches only. Wait at least a year before removing any larger limbs or shaping the structure of the tree or shrub. Remember, pruning encourages growth, so cut only where you need growth, and try to maintain the natural shape of the plant.

Occasionally trees may require support, especially in a windy site. to prevent uprooting and leaning until the roots have had a chance to grow and stabilize that tree. Avoid staking too rigidly. Some trunk flexibility allows that flare at the base of the tree to develop naturally. Inspect staking material regularly for tightness and damage, and remove after one or two years.



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