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Looking for Community Volunteers for Two New Board Committees!

As was announced on July 26th at the WHWD Board Meeting, the Board is inviting community members to participate as volunteers on two new Board Committees. Several community members have expressed an interest in supporting the District and community in these efforts. These are two entirely new advisory-only committees that the Board is in process of setting up. They will be advisory to the Board on specific subject matter areas. The details for scope of each committee will be discussed and set at an upcoming Board meeting, and the Board will appoint members of each committee at that time. The general subject matters of each advisory committee are:

1. *Clubhouse Committee*. This committee will meet, discuss and present options to the Board for uses of the Clubhouse.
2. *Board Bylaws Committee*. This committee will meet, discuss and present suggestions to the Board for the conduct of its meetings, non-statutory protocols, and potentially propose Board policy “bylaws” language for the Board’s consideration.

These committees will be advisory only. They provide a great opportunity for community members to actively participate in the governance of our community, and we look forward to your participation.

FAQ:

- *When will the Board appoint committee members?*
The Board is currently gathering names of interested community members, and will interview each at one or more upcoming meetings, depending on level of interest. The Board will thereafter appoint members and a chair of each committee. If you are interested, please email your name, address, and phone number to Office Manager Ashley Wilkins at awilkins@whwd.org. Additionally, please indicate which committee you are interested in (or both), and provide a brief statement about your interest and desire to participate.
- *What are the details about scope of committee duties and subject matter?*
The Board will be posting details at an upcoming meeting, likely contemporaneously with appointing committee members.
- *What is the time commitment?*
Each committee will likely require one or more meetings per month. At this time, we estimate a monthly commitment of 2 to 6 hours. The Board has not yet determined how long the committees will operate; they may be temporary.
- *Will committee meetings be open to the public?*
Yes! Board Committees like these must comply with the state’s open meeting rules (“Brown Act”), so committee meetings will be open to the public at the Clubhouse.
- *I heard that the committees are “ad hoc” and can meet in private, is that true?*
No. One individual asked whether these meeting could occur “privately” and they cannot. The Brown Act can be complicated, and sometimes people misunderstand the rules. Importantly here, the District fully complies with state open meeting rules and the principle of transparency. District staff will handle posting of the agendas and making the Clubhouse available for the committees to ensure that committee chairs and members are not burdened by agenda posting technicalities.