



Get Engaged: Seattle Needs You!



City boards and commissions give citizens a voice in government.

The Program

Get Engaged places young adults ages 18-29 on boards and commissions each fall. Serving in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council, commissioners help shape policy decisions, make recommendations, and provide citizen participation in city government. *Get Engaged*, a partnership between the City of Seattle and Metrocenter YMCA, is dedicated to cultivating the next generation of leaders and highlighting the value of youth voice in city affairs. **Even if you've never considered a role in public service, this program is for you. Experience doesn't matter. Passion does.**

The Commitment: Two Parts

1. **Board commitment:** *Get Engaged* participants are appointed to serve a one-year term (September 2010 – September 2011) as a full voting member on a city board or commission (see participating boards on the following page). Participants agree to attend regularly scheduled board meetings and contribute 6-10 hours each month to committee meetings.
2. **Get Engaged commitment:** In addition to board service, *Get Engaged* participants:
 - Attend an overnight retreat in the fall;
 - Meet with the *Get Engaged* team once a month for skill-building, current issue discussions, and an opportunity to reflect on your experience;
 - Connect with and learn from a peer group of other civically-minded young adults.

The Application Process

Timeline	
April 23, 2010	Application Deadline
May 2010 (mid-late)	Applicants interview with Commissions
June/July 2010	Participants notified of appointments
August/ September 2010	Participants are confirmed by City Council
September 2010	Participants begin their term

Applicants must reside in the City of Seattle and be between 18 and 29 at the time of appointment.
Please e-mail the application materials listed below to Sid Peterson at getengaged@seattleyymca.org.

1. [The Get Engaged Application](#)
2. A cover letter (1 page) for **each** commission to which you are applying, indicating your interest in the commission(s), and reflecting on the following:
 - o The relevant qualities, abilities, and knowledge you bring to the board or commission.
 - o Why you would like to be involved in the *Get Engaged* program.
3. Your current resume.

All applications must be submitted electronically by April 23, 2010.

Questions? Contact Sid Peterson at 206.382.5005 or getengaged@seattleyymca.org.

Get Engaged Boards and Commissions

**INDICATES HEAVIER TIME COMMITMENT*

ARTS COMMISSION

The Seattle Arts Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs to promote and encourage public programs that further the development, public awareness, and interest in the fine and performing arts in Seattle. The commission accomplishes this through the purchase of artworks and art services, by providing technical assistance and information related to the arts, and advising the City in the development of cultural policy. [15 members]

Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month, 4-5:30 p.m.

Website: http://www.seattle.gov/Arts/who_we_are/commission.asp

BICYCLE ADVISORY BOARD

Advise the Mayor, the City Council, and all departments and offices of the City on matters related to bicycling and the impacts that actions of the City may have upon bicycling, and contribute to all aspects of the City's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling. [11 members]

Meetings: First Wednesday of each month, 6-8 p.m.

Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/sbab/>

CITIZEN'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD (CTTAB)

Advise the Mayor and the City Council on issues pertaining to telecommunications, including cable television access, electronic communications and regulatory issues regarding wire and wireless communication systems. CTTAB works with the community on technology access issues and civic engagement.

[15 members]

Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month, 6-8 p.m.

Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/cttab/>

***DESIGN COMMISSION**

Provide professional design advice to the Mayor, City Council, and all city departments on capital improvements. The Design Commission reviews projects funded in any part with City money and/or on City land and makes recommendations as the projects develop. [10 members]

Meetings: First and third Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Website: http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/design_commission/overview/

DESIGN REVIEW BOARDS

Assist in evaluation of projects subject to Design Review based upon neighborhood and Citywide specific design guidelines. [35 members (divided into 7 boards)]

Meetings: Twice a month, during an evening, on a regular schedule: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2nd and 4th Mondays, etc.

Website: http://www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Design_Review_Program/Overview/default.asp

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Provide equal opportunities for minorities, aging, and persons with disabilities through the enforcement of City ordinances pertaining to equal opportunity and affirmative action. [16 members]

Meetings: First Thursday of each month, 6-8 p.m.

Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/humanrights/>

***LANDMARKS PRESERVATION BOARD**

Identification of potential landmarks, decisions on landmark designations, and recommendations to the City Council on landmark controls for adoption into designating ordinances. Landmark designation is recognized and used not only to preserve cultural resources, but to positively influence future development of the neighborhood. [11 members]

Meetings: First and third Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/landmarks.htm>

LGBT COMMISSION

Advise the Mayor, Council and departments about sexual minority issues, recommend policies and legislation, bring the sexual minority communities and the larger Seattle community together through long-ranged projects, and ensure that City departments fairly and equitably address sexual minority concerns as individuals and as a protected class. [16 members]

Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Website: <http://cityofseattle.net/scsm/>

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY BOARD

Advise the Mayor, the City Council, and all departments on all matters related to pedestrian safety, access, and encouragement. [11 members]

Meetings: Second Wednesday of each month, 5:45-8:15 p.m.

Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/spab/>

***PIONEER SQUARE PRESERVATION BOARD**

Preserve, protect and enhance the historic and architectural character of Pioneer Square. Review applications for changes in use and design in the District and make recommendations to the Director of the Dept. of Neighborhoods. Make recommendations to the Mayor, the City Council, and any public or private agencies concerning land use in the District. [10 members]

Meetings: First and third Wednesdays, 9-11 a.m.

Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/pioneersquare.htm>

*** PLANNING COMMISSION**

Make recommendations to the Mayor, City Council and other City departments on the city's broad planning goals and policies, and on such plans for the city as its present and future development may require. [15 members]

Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 3-5:30 p.m. and fourth Thursday of each month, 7:30-9 a.m.

Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/planningcommission/>

SEATTLE CENTER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Advise Center staff, and Mayor and the City Council on policy matters that affect Seattle Center. Also provide the staff, Mayor and City Council with assessment of operations, performances, plans, and policies. [15 members]

Meetings: First Thursday of each month, 12-1:30 p.m.

Website: <http://www.seattlecenter.com/information/scac.asp>

WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Direct advisory capacity to the Mayor, City Council and other City departments with respect to matters concerning women. [20 members]

Meetings: Third Monday of each month, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Website: <http://www.seattle.gov/womenscommission/>

You are welcome to apply to more than one board or commission, but please submit a separate cover letter for each board or commission in which you are interested.

Learn more about the City of Seattle's boards and commissions at:
<http://www.cityofseattle.net/html/CITIZEN/boardsportal.htm>