

C. BOARD AND COMMISSION FUNCTIONS

Commission activities are varied but generally fall into two categories. Any particular board or commission may belong to one or more of the types listed below and all boards belong to the Advisory to City Commission type.

- **Quasi-Judicial**

Certain commissions have the authority to make binding decisions that affect the action of individuals. For example, the Planning Commission grants or denies variances and use permits under the Zoning Code. Aggrieved parties have the right to appeal to the City Commission. The Historic Review Board also has quasi-judicial authority.

- **Advisory to the City Commission**

All commissions advise the City Commission concerning policies and programs. For example, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board advises the Commission regarding public parks and recreation facilities' needs and programs. The Transportation Advisory Board advises the City Commission, Planning Commission and Urban Renewal Commission on transportation related matters. The Planning Commission prepares recommendations to the City Commission on physical/economic development. A report from each board and committee summarizing the year's activities is given to the City Commission annually, presented at a regular meeting of the City Commission.