

**From:** [Stacy B. Chaney](#)  
**To:** [Elaine McCloskey](#)  
**Subject:** public comment - Council 9/12/2022 - Ordinances 22-81 & 22-82  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 1:40:24 PM

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Members of Council,  
Voting “no” on Ordinances 22-81 and 22-82 would mean voting in favor of citizen representation.

The City staff report says that the sizes of the Shade Tree Commission and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board have made it difficult to schedule meetings due to a lack of quorum. Do we have data on how often meetings are canceled due to a lack of quorum? Has either board or commission *not* been able to meet their minimum six times a year in recent history (excepting during the 2020 pandemic, of course)?

It’s also worth noting that the primary board/committee without a set schedule is the 3-person Finance Committee. Per information I’ve received from the Clerk in the past, this is because it is difficult to find a date and time that works for everyone on that 3-person committee. The size of the boards is not the problem.

The Ordinance establishing the size of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was passed in 2000. The Ordinance establishing the size of the Shade Tree Commission was passed in 1977. The size of the City has more than doubled since these board sizes were established. Why would it be appropriate in a city with a *larger population* to *decrease* the number of representative members?

Please vote “no.”

Thank you,  
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**From:** [Linsey Griffith](#)  
**To:** [Elaine McCloskey](#); [Kenneth Doughman](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for changes to Parks and Recreation and Shade Tree Commission  
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To Our Honored Council Members,

Once again we are writing with concern about the restructuring and streamlining of the Parks and Recreation Committee and The Shade Tree Commission. The claim made by Council that they have been unable to get enough volunteers to appoint and actually attend meetings for quorum votes is grossly unfounded. The reality is there have been MANY qualified applicants that the Mayor has chosen to overlook. It seems disingenuous and unethical for Council to reconstruct 2 very important committees because the Mayor refuses to appoint able and willing volunteers who will actually attend meetings. As a community we are asking for the committees/commissions to remain intact and that ANY qualified applicant be considered by the full council, and ALL open positions to be immediately filled with qualified applicants, regardless of political affiliation.

With Respect and Concern,

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**From:** [Stefanie Vogley-Hauck](#)  
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Members of Council,

Please vote no on Ordinances 22-81 and 22-82 shrinking two groups vital to a climate resilient future.

The City staff report says that the sizes of the Shade Tree Commission and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board have made it difficult to schedule meetings due to a lack of quorum. I would like to see the data presented and discussed about this so-called difficulty before any vote is taken.

It is interesting to note that the proposed reductions disproportionately affect boards and commissions that make decisions on natural resources which is a cause of concern.

A city which just received a designation as a SolSmart City, is a part of the Sustainable 2050 initiative and is a Tree City shouldn't be contradicting itself by making this move.

This city should no longer consider itself a tree city or an advocate for trees or the environment if these proposals pass.

Also, the Ordinance establishing the size of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was passed in 2000. The Ordinance establishing the size of the Shade Tree Commission was passed in 1977. The size of the City has more than doubled since these board sizes were established. Why would it be appropriate in a city with a larger population to decrease the number of representative members?

Please vote "no."

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**From:** [Jennifer Jenkins](#)  
**To:** [Elaine McCloskey](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment  
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Regarding reducing public representation on parks and Rec advisory board and shade tree commission:

As a citizen living in an underserved park area, I am requesting public representation not be decreased on these boards. The recent parks and rec needs assessment shows the city is not meeting existing needs in our community. It is important to have community representation as we move forward.

Regarding the Addison infrastructure plan:

The city needs to be more diligent in how roads and utilities are laid out. Public infrastructure should be held accountable for the natural resources that are destroyed.

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**From:** [Rayna Patton](#)  
**To:** [Elaine McCloskey](#)  
**Subject:** Council meeting  
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I strongly object to the proposed reduction in the size of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Shade Tree Commission. As our natural resources are rapidly being destroyed by developers with their well-paid lawyers, it is particularly important that concerned citizens are at least given a chance to speak up against their predation.

It is crucial that City Council acknowledge the economic and social value of what we are losing. Reducing these natural resources committees sends exactly the opposite message.

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