

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS - July 2026			
NAME OF BOARD	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION	STAFF COMMENTS
African American Resource Advisory Commission	Edit Bylaws Article 2 Purpose and Duties - add "public safety" to read as: The commission shall advise the city council on issues relating to the quality of life for the City's African American community and shall recommend programs designed to alleviate any inequities that may confront African Americans in social, economic, and vocational pursuits, including: public safety, health care; housing, including affordable housing, home ownership, and homelessness; entertainment opportunities for professionals and students; employment; and cultural venues, including museums, theaters, art galleries, and music venues.	Adding public safety to the commission’s purpose empowers it to advocate for equitable, trusted, and community centered safety policies that reduce disparities and ensure African American needs and perspectives guide Austin’s approach to safety and justice.	Staff has no concern with the proposed edit. If this proposed amendment is recommended, an ordinance would be necessary to amend City Code § 2-1-101.
	Edit Bylaws Article 1 Name - remove the word "Downtown" so the name will now read: Austin Community Court Advisory Board		
	Edit Bylaws Article 2 Purpose and Duties - remove reference to "Downtown"		
Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board	Edit Bylaws Article 8 Committees/Working Group (H) - remove reference to "Downtown"	The Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board recommends changing the name of the Board to be consistent with the new Austin Community Court departmental name.	Staff supports this update. If this proposed amendment is recommended for approval, an ordinance would be necessary to amend City Code § 2-1-131.
Parks and Recreation Board	Edit Bylaws Article 8. Committees/Working Groups (H) - remove the Contracts and Concessions Committee and indicate no committees.	The Board believes discussions on parks concessions agreements should occur before the full Board, and this change will increase transparency around these agreements. Additionally, the Contracts and Concessions Committee has not met in the past six months.	Staff supports these changes.

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Urban Transportation Commission	Edit Bylaws Article 7 Meetings - edit the name of the staffing department to Austin Transportation and Public Works	The proposed bylaw amendments clearly define the Urban Transportation Commission’s interaction with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Councils.	Staff has no concern with these proposed edits.
	Edit Bylaws Article 8. Committees/Working Groups (F) - remove		
	Edit Bylaws Article 8. Committees/Working Groups - add new section header: "BICYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL"		
	Edit Bylaws Article 8. Committees/Working Groups - add new subsection A to read: Unless otherwise directed by the City Council, the board shall seek to participate in and improve communication among the board, the Bicycle Advisory Council, and the Pedestrian Advisory Council.		
	Edit Bylaws Article 8. Committees/Working Groups - add new subsection B to read: The board chair shall appoint a board member, with the member's consent, as the Urban Transportation Commission Liaison to the Bicycle Advisory Council and Pedestrian Advisory Council, respectively.		
	Edit Bylaws Article 8. Committees/Working Groups - add new subsection C to read: Liaisons shall attend the meetings of their respective council and report to the board on any action taken by the council at the board's next scheduled meeting.		
	Edit Bylaws Article 8. Committees/Working Groups - add new subsection D to read: Liaisons shall serve at the pleasure of the board chair.		
	Edit Bylaws Article 8. Committees/Working Groups - add new subsection E to read: Staff support will not be provided to liaisons in carrying out the duties of this subsection.		
Downtown Commission	Edit Bylaws Article 2 Purpose and Duties - to replace reference to Downtown Austin Plan to Central City District plan and update related boundaries defined.	As the Downtown Commission is responsible for the Downtown Austin Plan, and the City’s recommended update expands that plan into the broader Center City/Central District Plan area, the Commission’s boundaries should likewise expand to match the Center City/Central District boundaries.	The Clerk would defer to impacted departments as this is a substantial change to the purpose of the commission. If this proposed amendment is recommended, an ordinance would be necessary to amend City Code § 2-1-140.