

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2014

SUBJECT: City of Hendersonville – Business Advisory Committee

PRESENTER: Charlie Messer

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1) Letter from the City of Hendersonville
City Manager, John Connet

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Pursuant to the attached letter, the City of Hendersonville Council has recently established a Business Advisory Committee to advise the City Council on issues that affect the local business community, to seek the advice and recommendations and to involve the business community in decisions that affect them to help prevent unintended consequences from decisions made by the Council.

In an effort to ensure that the entire community is fully represented, they have asked that Henderson County appoint one of the members. The only pre-requisite is that your appointment not be an elected official.

Mr. Connett respectfully requests that, if possible, an appointment be made by April 15 in order for them to hold their first meeting by the end of April.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to make appointments at their discretion.

Suggested Motion:

The Board is requested to make appointments at their discretion.

CITY COUNCIL:
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**CITY OF
HENDERSONVILLE**
The City of Four Seasons

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
JOHN F. CONNET**

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March 14, 2014

The Honorable Chairman Charlie Messer
Henderson County Board of Commissioners
1 Historic Courthouse Square, Suite 1
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Dear Chairman Messer:

As you are aware, the City Council has recently established a Business Advisory Committee to advise the City Council on issues that affect the local business community.

The purpose of the Business Advisory Committee to seek the advice and recommendations and to involve the business community in decisions that affect them to help prevent unintended consequences from decisions made by the Council.

The Committee:

1. Consists of nine members; six of whom are appointed by the City Council; one position is appointed by the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, one position is appointed by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners (non-elected official) and one position is appointed by the Partnership for Economic Development.
2. Members will serve staggered terms (initially, one year).
3. Committee would be advisory only.
4. Members should be individuals who own local businesses or commercial property within Hendersonville, but do not necessarily reside within the City limits.
5. The Business Advisory Committee would meet quarterly at noon and call special meetings as issues arise.
6. The Chairperson will be selected by the members from the City representatives.

All meetings are open to the public and Council members may attend to participate or interact with the members. The City Council will evaluate the effectiveness of the Committee in one year (March 2015) to see how it works, and if proves to be worthwhile, then will set up a formal rotation of members.

At their March City Council appointed six of nine-member Committee. In an effort to ensure that the entire community is fully represented, they have asked that Henderson County, Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development and Henderson County Chamber of Commerce each appoint one of the three remaining members. I have included a description of the Committee and list of current committee members to assist with your appointment. The only other pre-requisite is that your appointment not be an elected official. The appointing entities should make an effort to have diversity and appoint individuals from businesses other than those already represented.

Appointees from the City include:

Chuck Edwards – McDonalds – restaurant

Gloria Wagner – Anderson Packaging – agricultural packaging

Randy Hunter – Hunter Corporation – automobile sales, service

Matt Johnes – Hannah Flanagan’s – downtown restaurant

Beau Waddell – Triangle Stop Food Stores - convenience store

Robert Laborde – Laborde Eye Group – medical practice

I would respectfully request that, if possible, you make your appointments by April 15 in order for us to hold our first meeting by the end of April.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 233-3201.

Sincerely,

John F. Connet
City Manager