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Town seeking volunteers for boards and commissions *Applications due by Aug. 1, appointees take office on Oct. 1*

PROSPER (July 8, 2014) Opportunities for Prosper residents and some non-residents to donate their time and expertise as members of the Town's various boards and commissions are currently available, with 18 openings for membership on five boards, says Town Secretary Robyn Battle.

"Serving on the volunteer boards and commissions is one important way that citizens can participate in the decision-making aspects of the community," she said. "The Council has been very clear in encouraging all eligible citizens to step forward and consider serving." Applications are being accepted between July 14 and Aug. 1.

Boards and commissions are composed of volunteers who advise the Town Council on policy development and administration of services. Appointments are made each year by the Town Council as members' terms expire or as vacancies occur.

To be considered for an open position on the various Town boards and commissions, individuals must fill out an application form and be willing to attend regularly scheduled meetings; must agree to serve a full term; and meet certain eligibility requirements. Applicants must be residents of the Town or its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, and must have been so for at least one year at the time of application. Only registered voters are eligible to apply.

"Applicants also undergo a brief interview with the Town Council so that Council members can gauge the applicant's suitability for a position," said Battle. The boards and commissions seeking members include:

Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

Composed of seven board members appointed by the Town Council, each board member serves a three-year term. The board promotes broad-based business expansion, encourages sustainable job growth, and makes recommendations to Council regarding funding priorities to assist new, prospective and existing businesses. Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at 170 N. Preston Road, Ste. 50, and is under the direction of the Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation. There are two positions open on this board.

Library Board

Composed of seven board members appointed by the Town Council, each board member serves a two-year term. The board serves in an advisory capacity in matters related to the services rendered by the library, encourages the development of library facilities, recommends library policies, and encourages the development and advancement of the public library. The board meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Community Library at Reynolds Middle School. There are six positions open on this board, including four which have been newly-created.

Parks & Recreation Board

Composed of seven board members appointed by the Town Council, each board member serves a two-year term. The board elects a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary whose terms of office are for one year. The board encourages the

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development of parks and recreation programs and facilities; recommends the acquisition of additional parks, equipment and supplies; participates with the County and other entities to acquire grant funding; assists staff and Town Council in the planning process of facilities, program development and goals and objectives. Meets the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m., in Municipal Chambers and is under the direction of the Parks and Recreation Manager. There are three positions open on this board.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Composed of seven commissioners appointed by the Town Council, each commissioner serves a two-year term. The commission, among other duties, reviews all current and proposed ordinances and amendments pertaining to planning and zoning and makes recommendations to the Town Council for action to be taken. Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month, at 6 p.m., in Municipal Chambers, and is under the direction of the Director of Development Services. There are three positions open on this commission.

Board of Adjustment/Construction Board of Appeals

Composed of five board members and two alternates appointed by the Town Council, each board member serves a two-year term. The board hears and determines appeals of administrative decisions; petitions for variances in the case of peculiar and unusual circumstances which would prevent the reasonable use of land and such other matters as may be required by the Town Council or by Law. The Board meets as needed. There are four openings on this board.

Applications will be accepted from July 14 through Aug. 1 and may be obtained from the Town Secretary at Town Hall, 121 W. Broadway, or electronically at www.prospertx.gov under the Boards and Commissions tab. Applicants who meet the appropriate criteria to apply for an open position will be contacted to schedule an interview with members of the Town Council.

Appointments will be made in September, becoming effective on Oct. 1. More information can be obtained by calling the Town Secretary at (972) 569-1011 or via e-mail at robyn_battle@prospertx.gov.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 15,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."