

Stockbridge Main Street Advisory Board

In early 2013, the City of Stockbridge petitioned the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Downtown Development for authorization to establish a local Main Street Program. In February 2014, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Mayor Timothy L. Thompson to initiate this process through the State of Georgia's *Main Street Start-up Program*.

Once established, the Stockbridge Main Street Program will be one of the 90+ Main Street Programs across the State of Georgia and part of a national network of over 1,800 active *Main Street* entities. This community-driven initiative focuses on conscientious revitalization of older, traditional business districts throughout the United States. The underlying premise of the *Main Street* concept is to encourage economic development, within the context of historic preservation, in ways that are appropriate for today's marketplace. *Main Street* programs advocate a return to community self-reliance, local empowerment, and the rebuilding of traditional commercial districts based on their unique assets—distinctive architecture, a pedestrian-friendly environment, personal service, local ownership, and a sense of community.

One essential component for establishing a Main Street Program is the appointment of an Advisory Board. The City of Stockbridge is currently assembling a group of decisive, action-oriented people to serve in this capacity.

The qualifications required for appointment to the Stockbridge Main Street Advisory Board shall be as follows:

1. A citizen of this state and the United States;
2. At least eighteen (18) years of age;
3. Have a high school education or the equivalent;
4. Has a genuine interest in implementing policy to create a positive change in the Stockbridge Main Street District;
5. Has a genuine interest in the successful commercial revitalization in the Stockbridge Main Street District;
6. Has a genuine interest in historic preservation;
7. Willing to serve a minimum one (1) to two (2) year term of service;
8. Willing to attend a minimum of eight (8) hours of approved training;
9. Willing to attend regularly scheduled, monthly Board and committee meetings during his/her term of service;
10. Willing to volunteer a minimum of (4) hours of time to Stockbridge Main Street programming per calendar year during their term of service (does not include Board meetings and required trainings); and
11. Has NOT been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude

Main Street Advisory Board Member Positions (11)

Position	Status	Term	Term Notes
City Council Member	Ex Officio Board Member	1 year	Can be re-appointed based on the calendar year, and approval by the City Council
Representative from the Downtown Development Authority <i>(Will be filled once DDA is re-established.)</i>	Ex Officio Board Member	1 year	Can be re-appointed by the organization, then approved by the City Council.
2 - Stockbridge Residents	Regular Board Member	2 years	Can be re-appointed by the City Council
2 - Stockbridge Business Owners / Operators (w/in Main Street District)	Regular Board Member	2 years	Can be re-appointed by the City Council
2- Stockbridge Business Owners / Operators (Outside of the Main Street District)	Regular Board Member	2 years	Can be re-appointed by the City Council
Architect, Contractor, Interior Designer, <u>or</u> Landscape Architect (Henry County-based)	Regular Board Member	2 years	Can be re-appointed by the City Council
Representative from a Stockbridge-based Arts Organization	Regular Board Member	1 years	Can be re-appointed by the organization, then approved by the City Council.
Representative from a Stockbridge-based financial institution	Regular Board Member	1 years	Can be re-appointed by the financial institution, then approved by the City Council.

The Main Street Advisory Board meets on the first Friday of every month at Noon in the Stockbridge City Hall Building (4640 N. Henry Blvd.), unless otherwise stipulated.