



Charlotte City Council
Housing, Safety & Community Committee
Summary
March 6, 2023

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- I. Boards and Commissions (Discussion)
- II. Housing Services Partner Funding Pathways (Informational)

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Members Present: Victoria Watlington (CMGC), LaWana Mayfield (CMGC); Tariq Bokhari (CMGC – arrived 4:55 p.m.), Renee’ Johnson (CMGC); Marjorie Molina (CMGC)

Other Council Members Present: Braxton Winston (CMGC)

Staff Resources: Reenie Askew, City Manager’s Office
Shawn Heath, Housing & Neighborhood Services
Warren Wooten, Housing & Neighborhood Services
Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk’s Office
Terry Bradley, Community Relations
Nicole Storey, Housing & Neighborhood Services
Deputy Chief Jacquelyn Halsey, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department

Meeting Duration: 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Video available online: <https://youtu.be/OyxUTHJPFEk?t=21617>

MEETING MATERIALS

All meeting materials are available online at <https://charlottenc.legistar.com>

- 1. Presentation: Advisory Board Review
- 2. Document: Background information on each board and commission aligned with the Housing, Safety and Community committee (provided to committee members in advance of the meeting)
- 3. Presentation: Housing Services Partner Funding Pathways

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

City Council member Watlington called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Current Boards and Commissions

Reenie Askew shared that the boards and commissions topic was referred to each of the City Council committees in September 2022, and that application opportunities to serve on the city’s boards and commissions is published on charlottenc.gov.

Shawn Heath reminded the committee that they received a document in advance of the meeting with information for each of the twelve boards/commissions (boards) aligned with the Housing, Safety and Community committee (HSC), and that this included an overview of each board, a copy of each board’s annual report, and a copy of survey responses from board members. He walked the committee through the charge of each of the twelve boards aligned with HSC.

Anna Schleunes explained that the City Council created the housing authority (INLIVIAN) many years ago, and that there is a federal requirement that the local governmental body that created the authority must appoint members to the board. Other than this, INLIVIAN’s board is autonomous.

Council member Watlington shared that the Charlotte International Cabinet has a focus on economic development and as such she proposes that support for that cabinet shift to the Economic Development office. Reenie Askew shared that this has already occurred. Reenie Askew also shared that City Council would be considering virtual attendance opportunities for boards and commissions at a future business meeting.

Stephanie Kelly shared that revisiting the required attendance policy for city boards and commissions could be helpful. Additionally, she shared that the Citizens Review Board requested that City Council consider review of required training (e.g. Citizens Academy, and annual training requirements). Committee members discussed the value in board members attending the Citizens Academy, and that there could be value in evaluating how to accommodate membership impacts during the pandemic when the Citizens Academy was put on hold. The committee also discussed creating opportunities for boards to provide in-person updates to council.

Council member Watlington asked that staff provide the committee with a deeper dive about the Community Relations Committee at a future meeting.

Housing Services Partner Funding Pathways

Shawn Heath introduced the topic and explained that the discussion will provide funding pathways for calendar year 2023.

Warren Wooten walked the committee through the overall housing partnership strategies and current enhanced and proposed funding pathways, and how City Council goals are connected to affordable housing funding opportunities with partners in the community. He mentioned that some enhancement will be seen in the Housing Trust Fund tune-up discussion that will take place at a future meeting, and that the NEST Commission is anticipated to bring forward recommendations to the Committee in June.

The committee shared feedback on the following:

- Providing capacity building opportunities for smaller grassroots partners. Shawn Heath reminded the committee of the ARPA funding that will be made available for local non-profit groups
- The importance of affordable three- and four-bedroom rental units
- Incorporating outcomes into the city's metrics, including tracking outcomes for individuals/tenants in city-supported developments
- Expanding homeownership/wealth-building opportunities
- Preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing
- Exploring closer partnerships with Mecklenburg County where there are shared priorities

Next Meeting

The next meeting will occur on March 6, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:35 pm.