

City Council

Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

2:00 p.m.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center

Room – 280

Committee Members: Patsy Kinsey, Chair
Al Austin, Vice Chair
John Autry
Ed Driggs
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Staff Resource: Ann Wall, Assistant City Manager
Pamela Wideman, Deputy Director, Neighborhood & Business Services

AGENDA

I. Digital Inclusion Update (No Action Required)

The Committee will receive an update on the City's Digital Inclusion efforts. On January 26, 2015, Google announced that Charlotte had been chosen to receive its high speed internet service. Since that time, staff has been working with a group of public and private partners to address the digital divide and to ensure that all neighborhoods are aware of Google's and other service providers' internet offerings. During the October 21, 2015 Committee meeting Neighborhood & Business Services staff will provide a status update, introduction of the Charlotte Digital inclusion project manager, funded by the Knight Foundation and employed by Queens University, and the recommended path forward for developing Charlotte's Comprehensive Digital Inclusion Strategy.

II. Gentrification Review and Next Steps (No Action Required)

In April 2014, City Council referred the issue of gentrification to the Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee for additional study. Since that time, the Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee has engaged in numerous discussions about the topic and staff has studied the issue. During the October 21, 2015 Committee meeting, Neighborhood & Business Services staff will share information on the context of neighborhood change occurring in Charlotte, tools and strategies to manage change, and a recommended path forward.

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