



Charlotte City Council
Great Neighborhoods Committee
Summary
May 23, 2022

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- I. Community Engagement - Neighbors Building Neighborhoods (Informational)
- II. Neighborhood Equity & Stabilization (NEST) Commission Update (Informational)
- III. Housing & Neighborhood Services Year-To-Date Progress | Great Neighborhoods Committee Look Ahead (Informational)

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Members Present:	Victoria Watlington (virtual), Malcolm Graham (virtual); Renee' Johnson (virtual); Matt Newton (virtual), Greg Phipps (virtual)
Committee Members Absent:	n/a
Staff Resources:	Shawn Heath, City Manager's Office Rebecca Hefner, Housing & Neighborhood Services Nicole Storey, Housing & Neighborhood Services
Guests:	Adrienne Martinez, North End Community Coalition Travis Roseboro, Back Creek Chase Community
Meeting Duration:	1:00 – 2:30 PM
Video available online:	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyo6OFMJKeA

MEETING MATERIALS

All meeting materials are available online at https://charlottenc.gov/CityCouncil/Committees/Pages/Neighborhood_Development.aspx

1. Presentation: Neighbors Building Neighborhoods
2. Presentation: Housing & Neighborhood Services YTD Progress Report / Great Neighborhoods Committee Look-Ahead

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Council member Watlington called the meeting to order, asked everyone to introduce themselves and provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

Neighbors Building Neighborhoods

Rebecca Hefner reminded the Committee that the neighbors building neighborhoods discussion does not represent the entire suite of Housing & Neighborhood Services community engagement activities. Instead it focuses on how we engage residents leaders and neighborhood organizations, and support them in meeting their goals.

Nicole Storey provided an overview of Housing & Neighborhood Services' community engagement programs and services focused on engaging residents leaders and neighborhood organizations, and supporting them in meeting their goals, and discussed the role that engaged residents and strong neighborhood organizations play in building and maintaining vibrant, healthy neighborhoods. The briefing included where opportunities exist to enhance neighborhood services and support.

Additionally, Travis Roseboro with Back Creek Chase Community, and Adrienne Martinez with North End Community Coalition, leaders from two Charlotte neighborhoods, shared their community's experience with engaging residents and the support received from the city.

NEST Commission Update

Rebecca Hefner provided an update on the NEST Commission. The Commission has organized their work into three work streams and will begin exploring these to develop recommendations pursuant to the charge of the Commission.

1. *Lay of the Land*. This work group will analyze opportunities related to land acquisition, site control, and homeownership (may include community land trust models, land acquisition strategy along transit lines, cooperative homeownership models, and education/programs for addressing the proliferation of corporate investors in neighborhoods).
2. *Program Improvements and Policy Gaps*. This work group will analyze Charlotte's existing programs and policies and make recommendations for program improvements and policy changes to help increase effectiveness of the programs and policies (may include property tax relief programs/provisions, partnerships with financial institutions, rental assistance programs, housing rehabilitation programs, innovations in housing production, and evaluation of the Staying in Place Pilot initiative).
3. *Understanding the Impacts of the UDO*. This work group will analyze the potential impacts of the UDO on displacement risk and affordable housing through a long-term lens (may include the impact of duplex and triplex development in Neighborhood 1 Zoning Districts, opportunities for accessory dwelling units, and development bonuses for affordable housing).

Housing & Neighborhood Services Year-To-Date Progress | Great Neighborhoods Committee Look Ahead

Shawn Heath provided a brief status update on key Housing & Neighborhood Services initiatives and reviewed the schedule for key housing and anti-displacement updates and activities that will be received by the Committee in the months ahead.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will occur on June 27, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:25 pm.