

**Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2023**

**MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room CH-14 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:17 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair George Dunlap, Vice-Chair Elaine Powell
and Commissioners Leigh Altman, Patricia “Pat” Cotham,
Arthur Griffin, Mark Jerrell, Vilma D. Leake, Laura J Meier,
and Susan Rodriguez- McDowell
County Manager Dena R. Diorio
County Attorney Tyrone C. Wade
Clerk to the Board Kristine M. Smith

Absent: Deputy Clerk to the Board Arlissa Eason

-INFORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunlap, after which the matters below were addressed.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified item(s) to be removed from Consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items:

23-0612 Commissioner Leake

23-0613 Commissioner Leake

23-0618 Commissioner Leake

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23-0620 Commissioner Leake

23-0622 Commissioner Leake

23-0623 Commissioner Leake

STAFF BRIEFINGS - None

23-0626 CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried to go into Closed Session for the following purpose(s): Land Acquisitions.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:12 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 5:28 p.m.

During Open Session, Keisha Young, Director of Human Resources, gave a brief overview of current issue regarding retiree benefits. The Commissioners asked questions to which Ms. Young and County Manager Diorio answered.

The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

-FORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dunlap called this portion of the meeting to order, which was followed by introductions, invocation by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.

Chair Dunlap discussed the process of speaking to the resolution.

23-0626 CLOSED SESSION– LAND ACQUISITION – LARGE OAK PARK EXPANSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents

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necessary for the acquisition of tax parcels 139-011-24, and 139-011-32 (+/- 29.71 acres) from Capital Land Partners LLC for a purchase price of \$3,000,000 for Park and Recreation purposes.

23-0626 CLOSED SESSION– LAND ACQUISITION – MALLARD CREEK PARK EXPANSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for the acquisition of tax parcels 029-342-34, (+/- .540 acres) from Accurate Property Restoration Services LLC for a purchase price of \$25,000 for Park and Recreation purposes.

23-0626 CLOSED SESSION– LAND ACQUISITION – MCDOWELL GREENWAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for the acquisition of a Permanent Greenway Easement and a Temporary Construction Easement on tax parcels 015-091-11, (+/- .12 acres) and 015-091-16 (+/- .3 acres) from Robert and Peggy Sherard for a purchase price of \$15,000 for construction of a portion of McDowell Greenway.

23-0626 CLOSED SESSION– LAND ACQUISITION – TAX FORECLOSURES

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried to authorize the County to bid on the following properties at a tax foreclosure sale for Park and Recreation Stewart Creek Greenway Project in a total amount not to exceed \$460,000 in aggregate for all properties specified, specifically parcels 069-084-06, 07, 09, 10, 12, 14 & 15 (+/- .75 acres) tax parcels 069-082-11, 13, and 15 (+/- .387 acres) tax parcels 069-114-05, 07 (+/- .432 acres) and tax parcels 069-094-07 (+/- .151 acres).

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

**23-0647 RESOLUTION –SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND CONDEMNING TERRORISM
(COMMISSIONER JERRELL)**

Chair Dunlap explained that there would be a total of 10 minutes for the group in favor of the resolution and 10 minutes for the group against the resolution.

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Commissioner Jerrell said the resolution was to condemn acts of terrorism and support peace and stand in solidarity with the residents and colleagues and all people who have been impacted by violence.

Commissioner Jerrell's Co-sponsors were Commissioners Altman and Cotham.

Commissioner Jerrell read the proclamation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Meier to adopt a resolution Supporting Israel and Condemning Terrorism.

The following spoke in support of the resolution:

Emily Zimmer
Rab. Judy Schindler
Zach Gerger
Eric Willoughby

The following spoke against the resolution:

Laila El-Ali
Danya Nafeh
Jibril Hough
Matthew Hafer

A gentleman who did not identify himself, spoke after Mr. Hafer.

COMMENTS

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell thanked everyone who came out. Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell wanted them to recognize the word unprovoked was taken out because of the decades of history. These were extremely complicated matters, and she didn't want to pretend that she understood all the histories. She said the Board stood in solidarity with ALL people's right to live in peace and security and intended to speak against terrorism.

Commissioner Leake thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She said she couldn't empathize with them because of who she is and what she has experienced, but she does empathize with those who have experienced some form of discrimination and violence and she empathizes because of the mistreatment of women and children. She said as citizens she hoped they would continue to maintain trust, and respect and have a sense of belonging. She encouraged to come back and speak about the mistreatment of citizens.

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Commissioner Cotham said the Board needed to learn more about the history and wanted to hear more from the different groups. She said she challenged them to offer more information to learn about the history. She said she was worried about people who felt they were not represented. She mentioned the importance of coming together and learning about each other. She welcomed further dialog with the different groups.

Commissioner Griffin said he supported the resolution and the intent of it, which was to recognize what occurred but not at the expense of ignoring the human rights of everyone in that part of the world. He said he hoped the resolution would initiate positive dialog and relationships that would help people learn more. He said this wasn't taking sides, it was about the event and what took place. He said he wanted to work with the residents to try to find a peaceful resolution that will work for all of us. This evening, the intent for this resolution is really about peace.

Motion was carried unanimously (9-0) to adopt a resolution Supporting Israel and Condemning Terrorism.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, SUPPORTING ISRAEL AND CONDEMNING TERRORISM

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, during the sacred Jewish holiday of Shmini Atzeret, Hamas, a designated terrorist organization by the United States and other countries, launched a coordinated, unprovoked attack on Israel from the Gaza Strip; and

WHEREAS, the recent Hamas terror attack has caused immense suffering, loss of innocent lives, and inflicted widespread damage on a peaceful civilian population firing thousands of rockets toward Israel's major population centers, breached Israel's borders, infiltrated Israeli communities, kidnapping civilians, wounding more than 3300, and killing more than 1300 Israelis; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Gaza Strip are not Israel's enemies with many such residents opposing Hamas' terrorist actions; and

WHEREAS we encourage and support efforts of Israeli leadership to reduce harm to uninvolved civilians who may be used as human shields to protect weaponry and leadership located and imbedded in civilian structures such as schools, hospitals, and mosques; and

WHEREAS, at least 20 United States citizens in Israel are among those who were tragically killed, with additional U.S. citizens being held hostage, in this unprovoked attack perpetrated by Hamas; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of local government to actively address and condemn acts of terrorism that threaten peace, security, and the well-being of its community; and

WHEREAS, the residents and employees of Mecklenburg County are deeply concerned about the escalating violence, loss of life, and the impacts of this terror attack on innocent civilians; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for local communities to stand together against acts of terrorism and express solidarity with those affected by such atrocities; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County stands firmly against any form of terrorism, violence, and extremism that undermines the principles of coexistence, peace, and human dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners:

1. Stands in solidarity with the right of the State of Israel, as a sovereign nation, to defend itself and its residents against the despicable acts of Hamas and aligned terrorist groups.
2. Stands in solidarity with the right of Israel, and its citizens, to live in peace and security.
3. Stands in solidarity with the greater Charlotte Jewish community, as well as residents and employees of Mecklenburg County, who have been impacted by this terrorist act and supports efforts to aid and support to those affected.
4. Strongly condemns the recent Hamas terror attack in Israel and expresses its deepest condolences to the victims and their families affected by this act of violence.

George Dunlap, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #27.

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**23-0641 PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH
(COMMISSIONER SUSAN RODRIGUEZ-MCDOWELL)**

Background: October 2023 is National Arts and Humanities Month.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell's co-sponsors were Commissioners Jerrell and Meier.

Commissioner Susan Rodriguez-McDowell read the proclamation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried to adopt a Proclamation declaring October 2023 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Mecklenburg County.

Beth Kingaby from the Arts and Science Council accepted the proclamation and made remarks.

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of October has annually been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and culture organizations – including the Arts & Science Council, the local arts agency of Mecklenburg County – and by communities, counties, and states across the country for nearly 30 years;

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities help community members explore their diverse history and culture with the support and creativity of large, midsize, and small cultural organizations, creative individuals, educational institutions, and local businesses;

WHEREAS, despite significant losses to the coronavirus pandemic, the creative industries remain among the most vital sectors of the American economy - providing new opportunities for development, and creating jobs and economic activity across sectors;

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg nonprofit arts industry strengthens our local economy by generating \$243 million in total economic activity annually, \$21.6 million in state and local government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 7,600 jobs;

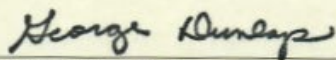
WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody so much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind, and play a unique role in the lives of our families and our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

in Mecklenburg County and call upon our community members to celebrate arts and culture and to join in this special observance.

This 17th day of October 2023



George Dunlap, Chair
Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners



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PUBLIC ART MOMENT

23-0627 PUBLIC ART MOMENT

The Board received a presentation on the Public Art piece "Cloud Lilies" by Nova Jiang. This piece is located at the new Ella B. Scarborough Community Resource Center in District 3.

Background: On January 5, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved the addition of an agenda topic to the second Regular meeting of the month entitled Public Art Moment. The item, with the help of the Arts & Science Council, will highlight a piece of public art - a different one each month. The purpose of this item is to raise public awareness and appreciation for the tax dollars that are spent on public art each year. This month's featured art piece called "Cloud Lilies" by California-based artist Nova Jiang. This project is located at the new Ella B. Scarborough Community Resource Center in District 3.

Commissioner Altman gave the presentation.

Cloud Lilies

Nova Jiang

Ella B. Scarborough
Community Resource Center



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23-0628 PUBLIC APPEARANCE

There were no speakers for this portion of the agenda.

APPOINTMENTS

23-0638 APPOINTMENTS – ADULT CARE HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Board voted on reappointments needed on the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee for two (2) three-year terms expiring October 31, 2026. Jennifer Diviney and Patricia Moore were eligible for reappointment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Jennifer Diviney and Patricia Moore to the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee for two (2) three-year terms expiring October 31, 2026.

23-0637 APPOINTMENTS – NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Board voted on a reappointment needed on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring October 31, 2026. Tarshia Faniel was eligible for reappointment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to reappoint Tarshia Faniel to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring October 31, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

23-0615 PUBLIC HEARING – STREET LIGHTING FINAL ASSESSMENT

Background: Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services coordinates an assessment program as provided for in the General Statutes GS 153A: 185-206 and approved by the BOCC for residential subdivisions in the Extra Territorial Jurisdictions (ETJs) that are interested in installing and operating street lighting in order to increase safety in their respective areas.

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As part of the process, homeowners could petition the BOCC for upfront funding in the form of a loan for the installation and/or operation of streetlights. The cost is then assessed annually to each homeowner for the original installation and/or the operating costs until the subdivisions are annexed into local jurisdictions.

This public hearing, as required by General Statutes, will provide an opportunity for the property owners in these subdivisions where an annual assessment is due, to comment on the street lighting operating costs paid during the FY23 fiscal year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to open the Public Hearing and acknowledge receipt of certification that a notice of the public hearing was mailed by first class mail to all property owners in the Capps Hollow, Cardinal Woods and Cardinal Woods Estate, Hearthstone, McGinnis Village, Mountain Point, Mountain Point Estates, Royal Oaks and Spicewood Subdivisions, and to accept Assessment Rolls and Maps for Mecklenburg County's participation in the Street Lighting Assessment project for the Capps Hollow, Cardinal Woods and Cardinal Woods Estate, Hearthstone, McGinnis Village, Mountain Point, Mountain Point Estates, Royal Oaks and Spicewood Subdivisions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried, to close Public Hearing and adopt Final Assessment Resolutions for Capps Hollow, Cardinal Woods and Cardinal Woods Estate, Hearthstone, McGinnis Village, Mountain Point, Mountain Point Estates, Royal Oaks, and Spicewood Subdivisions.

**FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL RESOLUTION
STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT PROJECT
CAPPS HOLLOW SUBDIVISION
OPERATION COSTS FY 2023**

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has adopted a street lighting assessment program pursuant to North Carolina law; and

WHEREAS, the economical traditional street lighting fixtures have been installed and are being operated on streets in the Capps Hollow Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners adopted Final Assessment Resolutions on this project on September 2, 1997, and November 6, 2002, approving both projects for Sections 1 & 2 and requesting that Duke Power Company install and operate the economical traditional street lighting fixtures on all streets in the Capps Hollow Subdivision and that the monthly charges would be paid to Duke Power Company by Mecklenburg County, and that the operating cost would be assessed to the property owners by Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has paid a total of \$1,444.44 to Duke Power Company for charges incurred for the operation of these streetlights in the Capps Hollow Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year plus \$300 in legal and other costs for a total of \$1,744.44 spent for the operation of the street lights in the Capps Hollow Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the basis for assessment will be 100 percent (100%) of the property owner's share of the total cost to operate the street lights during the 2023 Fiscal Year, plus other costs as described in Section 153A-193 of the General Statutes of North

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Carolina, said total cost to be apportioned equally to each parcel of land on said streets;
and

WHEREAS, the proposed terms of payment of the assessment are such that each property owner must pay the total per lot share upon receipt of an assessment from Mecklenburg County, plus 8% per annum rate of interest if payment is not received by the due date as indicated on each individual assessment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed term of payment for each property owner's portion of the cost of said work must be paid by direct payment to Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency has prepared the Final Assessment Roll on a map showing each lot assessed, the basis for assessment, the amount assessed against each lot, and the name of the owner of each lot as shown on the Mecklenburg County tax record, which Final Assessment Roll is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, after notice was duly given, a public hearing was held on October 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of confirmation, modification, or annulment of the Preliminary Assessment Roll; and

WHEREAS, there being no changes or annulment made of the Preliminary Assessment Roll, the same is hereby confirmed by this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does adopt this Final Assessment Roll Resolution on the Street Lighting Assessment Project for the operation of the economical traditional street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year in the Capps Hollow Subdivision, and requests the Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency to prepare the necessary documents for transmittal to the County Tax Collector's Office to provide for

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the collection from the property owners for the cost of the operation of the street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year which is \$1,744.44.

ADOPTED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2023.

Clerk to the Board

ADOPTED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #28.

**FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL RESOLUTION
STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT PROJECT
CARDINAL WOODS SUBDIVISION AND CARDINAL WOODS ESTATE
OPERATION COSTS FY 2023**

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has adopted a street lighting assessment program pursuant to North Carolina law; and

WHEREAS, twenty-four acorn street lighting fixtures have been installed and are being operated on streets within the Cardinal Woods Subdivision and Cardinal Woods Estate; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners adopted a Final Assessment Resolution on this project on October 20, 1998, approving the project and requesting that Duke Power Company install and operate the acorn street lighting fixtures on the streets in the Cardinal Woods Subdivision and Cardinal Woods Estate, and providing that the monthly charges would be paid to Duke Power Company by Mecklenburg County, and that the operating costs would be assessed to the property owners by Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has paid a total of \$3,586.42 to Duke Power Company for the monthly operation costs incurred for these street lighting fixtures in the Cardinal Woods Subdivision and Cardinal Woods Estate during the 2023 Fiscal Year and has incurred \$300 in legal and other costs for a total of \$3,886.42 spent for the operation of these acorn street lighting fixtures in the Cardinal Woods Subdivision and Cardinal Woods Estate during the 2023 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the basis for assessment will be 100% of the property owner's share of the total costs to operate these street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year plus other costs as described in Section 153A-193 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, said total cost to be apportioned equally to each parcel of land on

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the streets in the Cardinal Woods Subdivision and Cardinal Woods Estate where the acorn street lighting fixtures are located; and

WHEREAS, the proposed terms of payment of the assessment are such that each property owner must pay the total per lot share upon receipt of an assessment from Mecklenburg County, plus 8% per annum rate of interest if payment is not received by the due date as indicated on each individual assessment; and

WHEREAS, the method of payment for each property owner's portion of the cost of said operation must be paid by direct payment to Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency has prepared the Final Assessment Roll and a map showing each lot assessed, the basis for assessment, the amount assessed against each lot and the name of the owner of each lot as shown on the Mecklenburg County tax record, which Final Assessment Roll and map are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, after notice was duly given, a public hearing was held on October 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of confirmation, modification, or annulment of the Preliminary Assessment Roll; and

WHEREAS, there being no changes or annulment made of the Preliminary Assessment Roll, the same is hereby confirmed by this resolution; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does adopt this Final Assessment Roll Resolution on the Street Lighting Assessment Project for the operation of the acorn street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year in the Cardinal Woods Subdivision and Cardinal Woods Estate, and requests the Mecklenburg County

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Land Use & Environmental Services Agency to prepare the necessary documents for transmittal to the County Tax Collector's Office to provide for the collection from the property owners for the cost of the operation of the street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year which is \$3,886.42.

ADOPTED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2023.

Clerk to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #29.

**FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL RESOLUTION
STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT PROJECT
HEARTHSTONE SUBDIVISION
OPERATION COSTS FY 2023**

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has adopted a street lighting assessment program pursuant to North Carolina law; and

WHEREAS, the special street lighting fixtures have been installed and are being operated on all of the streets in the Hearthstone Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners adopted a Final Assessment Resolution on this project on January 19, 1993, approving the project and requesting that Duke Power Company install and operate the street lighting fixtures on all streets in the Hearthstone Subdivision and that the monthly charges would be paid to Duke Power Company by Mecklenburg County, and that the operating cost would be assessed to the property owners by Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has paid a total of \$2,197.32 to Duke Power Company for charges incurred for the operation of these street lights in the Hearthstone Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year plus \$300 in legal and other costs for a total of \$2,497.32 spent for the operation of the street lights in the Hearthstone Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the basis for assessment will be 100 percent (100%) of the property owner's share of the total cost to operate the street lights during the 2023 Fiscal Year, plus other costs as described in Section 153A-193 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, said total cost to be apportioned equally to each parcel of land on said streets; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed terms of payment of the assessment are such that each property owner must pay the total per lot share upon receipt of an assessment from Mecklenburg County, plus 8% per annum rate of interest if payment is not received by the due date as indicated on each individual assessment; and

WHEREAS, the method of payment for each property owner's portion of the cost of said work must be paid by direct payment to Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Land Use & Environmental Services Agency has prepared the Final Assessment Roll on a map showing each lot assessed, the basis for assessment, the amount assessed against each lot, and the name of the owner of each lot as shown on the Mecklenburg County tax record, which the Final Assessment Roll is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, after notice was duly given, a public hearing was held on October 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of confirmation, modification or annulment of the Preliminary Assessment Roll; and

WHEREAS, there being no changes or annulment made by the Preliminary Assessment Roll, the same is hereby confirmed by this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does adopt this Final Assessment Roll Resolution on the Street Lighting Assessment Project for the operation of the special street lighting fixtures during 2023 Fiscal Year in the Hearthstone Subdivision, and requests the Mecklenburg County Land Use & Environmental Services Agency to prepare the necessary documents for transmittal to the County Tax Collector's Office to provide for the collection from the

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property owners for the cost of the operation of the street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year, which is \$2,497.32.

ADOPTED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2023.

Clerk to the Board

ADOPTED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #30.

**FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL RESOLUTION
STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT PROJECT
McGINNIS VILLAGE SUBDIVISION
OPERATION COSTS FY 2023**

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has adopted a street lighting assessment program pursuant to North Carolina law; and

WHEREAS, the economical traditional street lighting fixtures have been installed and are being operated on all of the streets in the McGinnis Village Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners adopted a Final Assessment Resolution on this project on October 5, 1999, approving the project and requesting that Duke Power Company install and operate the economical traditional street lighting fixtures on all of the streets in the McGinnis Village Subdivision and that the monthly charges would be paid to Duke Power Company by Mecklenburg County, and the operating costs would be assessed to the property owners by Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has paid a total of \$2,338.33 to Duke Power Company for charges incurred for the operation of these street lights in the McGinnis Village Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year plus \$300 in legal and other costs for a total of \$2,638.33 spent for the operation of the street lights in the McGinnis Village Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the basis for assessment will be 100 percent (100%) of the property owner's share of the total cost to operate the street lights during the 2023 Fiscal Year, plus other costs as described in Section 153A-193 of the General Statutes of North

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Carolina, said total cost to be apportioned equally to each parcel of land on said streets;
and

WHEREAS, the proposed terms of payment of the assessment are such that each property owner must pay the total per lot share upon receipt of an assessment from Mecklenburg County, plus 8% per annum rate of interest if payment is not received by the due date as indicated on each individual assessment; and

WHEREAS, the method of payment for each property owner's portion of the cost of said work must be paid by direct payment to Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Land Use & Environmental Services Agency has prepared the Final Assessment Roll on a map showing each lot assessed, the basis for assessment, the amount assessed against each lot, and the name of the owner of each lot as shown on the Mecklenburg County tax record, which the Final Assessment Roll is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

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WHEREAS, there being no changes or annulment made of the Preliminary Assessment Roll, the same is hereby confirmed by this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does adopt this Final Assessment Roll Resolution on the Street Lighting Assessment Project for the operation of the economical traditional street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year in the McGinnis Village Subdivision, and requests the Mecklenburg County Land Use & Environmental Services Agency to prepare the

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necessary documents for transmittal to the County Tax Collector's Office to provide for the collection from the property owners for the cost of the operation of the street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year which is \$2,638.33.

ADOPTED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2023.

Clerk to the Board

ADOPTED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #31.

**FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL RESOLUTION
STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT PROJECT
MOUNTAIN POINT SUBDIVISION
OPERATION COSTS FY 2023**

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has adopted a street lighting assessment program pursuant to North Carolina law; and

WHEREAS, the acorn street lighting fixtures have been installed and are being operated on all of the streets in the Mountain Point Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners adopted a Final Assessment Resolution on this project on February 3, 1998, approving the project and requesting that Duke Power Company install and operate the acorn street lighting fixtures on all streets in the Mountain Point Subdivision and that the monthly charges would be paid to Duke Power Company by Mecklenburg County, and that the operating cost would be assessed to the property owners by Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has paid a total of \$5,676.74 to Duke Power Company for charges incurred for the operation of these street lights in the Mountain Point Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year plus \$300 in legal and other costs for a total of \$5,976.74 spent for the operation of the street lights in the Mountain Point Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the basis for assessment will be 100 percent (100%) of the property owner's share of the total cost to operate the street lights during the 2023 Fiscal Year plus other costs as described in Section 153A-193 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, said total cost to be apportioned equally to each parcel of land on said streets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed terms of payment of the assessment are such that each

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property owner must pay the total per lot share upon receipt of an assessment from Mecklenburg County, plus 8% per annum rate of interest if payment is not received by the due date as indicated on each individual assessment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed term of payment for each property owner's portion of the cost of said work must be paid by direct payment to Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Land Use & Environmental Services Agency has prepared the Final Assessment Roll on a map showing each lot assessed, the basis for assessment, the amount assessed against each lot, and the name of the owner of each lot as shown on the Mecklenburg County tax record, which the Final Assessment Roll is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

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WHEREAS, there being no changes or annulment made of the Preliminary Assessment Roll, the same is hereby confirmed by this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does adopt this Final Assessment Roll Resolution on the Street Lighting Assessment Project for the operation of the acorn street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year in the Mountain Point Subdivision, and requests the Mecklenburg County Land Use & Environmental Services Agency to prepare the necessary documents for transmittal to the County Tax Collector's Office to provide for the collection from the property owners for the cost of the operation of the street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year which is \$5,976.74.

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ADOPTED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney

**FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL RESOLUTION
STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT PROJECT
MOUNTAIN POINT ESTATES SUBDIVISION
OPERATION COSTS FY 2023**

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has adopted a street lighting assessment program pursuant to North Carolina law; and

WHEREAS, the acorn street lighting fixtures have been installed and are being operated on all of the streets in the Mountain Point Estates Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners adopted a Final Assessment Resolution on this project on February 1, 2000, approving the project and requesting that Duke Power Company install and operate the acorn street lighting fixtures on all streets in the Mountain Point Estates Subdivision and that the monthly charges would be paid to Duke Power Company by Mecklenburg County, and that the operating cost would be assessed to the property owners by Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has paid a total of \$1,950.43 to Duke Power Company for charges incurred for the operation of these street lights in the Mountain Point Estates Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year plus \$300 in legal and other costs for a total of \$2,250.43 spent for the operation of the street lights in the Mountain Point Estates Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the basis for assessment will be 100 percent (100%) of the property owner's share of the total cost to operate the street lights during the 2023 Fiscal Year plus other costs as described in Section 153A-193 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, said total cost to be apportioned equally to each parcel of land on said streets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed terms of payment of the assessment are such that

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each property owner must pay the total per lot share upon receipt of an assessment from Mecklenburg County, plus 8% per annum rate of interest if payment is not received by the due date as indicated on each individual assessment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed term of payment for each property owner's portion of the cost of said work must be paid by direct payment to Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Land Use & Environmental Services Agency has prepared the Final Assessment Roll on a map showing each lot assessed, the basis for assessment, the amount assessed against each lot, and the name of the owner of each lot as shown on the Mecklenburg County tax record, which the Final Assessment Roll is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

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County Attorney

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**FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL RESOLUTION
STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT PROJECT
ROYAL OAKS SUBDIVISION
OPERATION COSTS FY 2023**

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has adopted a street lighting assessment program pursuant to North Carolina law; and

WHEREAS, the special street lighting fixtures have been installed and are being operated on all of the streets in the Royal Oaks Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners adopted a Final Assessment Resolution on this project on October 5, 1992, approving the project and requesting that Duke Power Company install and operate the streetlights on all streets in the Royal Oaks Subdivision and that the monthly charges would be paid to Duke Power Company by Mecklenburg County, and that the operating cost would be assessed to the property owners by Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has paid a total of \$2,394.12 to Duke Power Company for charges incurred for the operation of these street lights in the Royal Oaks Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year plus \$300 in legal and other costs for a total of \$2,694.12 for the operation of the street lights in the Royal Oaks Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the basis for assessment will be 100 percent (100%) of the property owner's share of the total cost for the operation of the street lights during the 2023 Fiscal Year, plus other costs as described in Section 153A-193 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, said total cost to be apportioned equally to each parcel of land on said streets; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed terms of payment of the assessment are such that each property owner must pay the total per lot share upon receipt of an assessment from Mecklenburg County, plus 8% per annum rate of interest if payment is not received by the due date as indicated on each individual assessment; and

WHEREAS, the method of payment for each property owner's portion of the cost of said work must be paid by direct payment to Mecklenburg County; and

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collection from the property owners for the cost of the operation of the street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year which is \$2,694.12.

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County Attorney

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**FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL RESOLUTION
STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT PROJECT
SPICEWOOD SUBDIVISION
OPERATION COSTS FY 2023**

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has adopted a street lighting assessment program pursuant to North Carolina law; and

WHEREAS, the special street lighting fixtures have been installed and are being operated on all of the streets in the Spicewood Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners adopted a Final Assessment Resolution on this project on October 5, 1992, approving the project and requesting that Duke Power Company install and operate the streetlights on all streets in the Spicewood Subdivision and that the monthly charges would be paid to Duke Power Company by Mecklenburg County, and that the operating cost would be assessed to the property owners by Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has paid a total of \$1,385.75 to Duke Power Company for charges incurred for the operation of these street lights in the Spicewood Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year plus \$300 in legal and other costs for a total of \$1,685.75 for the operation of the street lights in the Spicewood Subdivision during the 2023 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the basis for assessment will be 100 percent (100%) of the property owner's share of the total cost for the operation of the street lights during the 2023 Fiscal Year, plus other costs as described in Section 153A-193 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, said total cost to be apportioned equally to each parcel of land on said streets; and

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WHEREAS, the proposed terms of payment of the assessment are such that each property owner must pay the total per lot share upon receipt of an assessment from Mecklenburg County, plus 8% per annum rate of interest if payment is not received by the due date as indicated on each individual assessment; and

WHEREAS, the method of payment for each property owner's portion of the cost of said work must be paid by direct payment to Mecklenburg County; and

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collection from the property owners for the cost of the operation of the street lighting fixtures during the 2023 Fiscal Year which is \$1,685.75.

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Clerk to the Board

ADOPTED AS TO FORM:

County Attorney

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**23-0645 PUBLIC HEARING FOR CLOSING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF
YOUNGBLOOD ROAD WEST**

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and unanimously carried, to open public hearing to receive comments with respect to the closing of a portion of the right-of-way for Youngblood Road West.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Griffin, and unanimously carried, to close public hearing and approve the Order of Closing for the public right-of-way for Youngblood Road West.

Background: On September 6, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners set this public hearing to hear comments with respect to the closing of a portion of the public right-of-way for Youngblood Road West. The property owners have petitioned to close a portion of the right-of-way for Youngblood Road West (0.426 acres). Each parcel will have ingress and egress. The petitioners own all of the parcels that would be impacted by the right-of-way closing. NCDOT informed the petitioners on May 26, 2021 that the portion of right-of-way petitioned to be closed was not State maintained.

To close a right-of-way in the unincorporated part of the County, General Statute 153A-241 requires the Board of County Commissioners to adopt a resolution declaring its' intent to close the public road and call a public hearing. Attached Exhibit A depicts the portion of right-of-way to be abandoned. Once closed, the 0.426-acre portion of the former right-of-way will become vested in the adjacent parcels owed by the petitioners.

Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency has determined that in its opinion the closing of a portion of the right-of-way of Youngblood Road West would not deprive any individual owning land in the vicinity of said right-of-way of reasonable ingress and egress to their property and would not be contrary to the public interest. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning and the Mecklenburg County Fire Marshal's Office reviewed the petition and have no objection to the closing of the portion of said right-of-way.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION ORDERING THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-
WAY OF YOUNGBLOOD ROAD WEST**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-241 specifies that a county may permanently close any public road or easement within the county and not within the city except public roads or easements for public roads under the control and supervision of the North Carolina Department of Transportation and specifies the procedure to be followed; and

WHEREAS, petitioners have requested that 0.426-acres of right-of-way of Youngblood Road West as shown on the Exhibit A map attached hereto be closed; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning and the Mecklenburg County Fire Marshal's Office have reviewed the petition and have no objection to the closing of the portion of said right-of-way, and Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) has determined that in its opinion the closing of the portion of said right-of-way petitioned would not deprive any individual owning land in the vicinity of said right-of-way of reasonable ingress and egress to their property, and would not be contrary to the public interest; and has also determined that the North Carolina Department of Transportation does not maintain said right-of-way;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has determined and is satisfied that the closing of said right-of-way of Youngblood Road West as shown on the attached map hereto is not contrary to public interest, and that no individual owning property in the vicinity of said right-of-way would thereby be deprived of reasonable ingress and egress to their property when said right-of-way is closed; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners does hereby adopt this Order of Closing of said right-of-way of a portion of Youngblood Road West; pursuant to the North Carolina General Statute 153A-241, effective once this Order of Closing has been approved; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners is directed to file a certified copy of this Order for Closing of said right-of-way in the office of the Register of Deeds of Mecklenburg County. The recordation of this Order for Closing shall provide conclusive evidence of the closing of a portion of the public right-of-way (0.426 Acres) as shown on the attached map hereto.

ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____ 2023.

Approved as to Form

County Attorney

Clerk to the Board

(COUNTY SEAL)

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #36.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

23-0636 PARK AND RECREATION – ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received an Annual Report of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Larken Egleston, Member of the Park and Recreation Commission, gave the presentation.



Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Commission Annual Report 2023

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INTRODUCTION

- What if you could make one investment in your community that simultaneously increased home values, generated more sales for local businesses, and attracted new jobs and employees? What if that investment also increased civic engagement, encouraged neighbors to get to know each other, and improved public health at the same time?
- Such an investment exists, and it's called a public park.
- Park and recreation facilities provide a wide range of benefits to a local community and the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Commission is pleased to present to you tonight a few of the contributions our parks have made to our economy as well as the health and well being of our citizens.



Source: hrg-inc.com: April 10, 2019

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AGENDA

- Completed Capital Projects
- Capital Projects Underway
- Land Acquisition Updates
- Priorities and Focus areas
- 2029 CIP Budget Recommendations



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Completed Capital Projects

Parks

- Dowd Neighborhood
- Independence
- Wilmore Centennial Park @ South End
- Devonshire
- Enderly
- Mayerling Drive Neighborhood

Greenways

- Long Creek: I77-Treyburn
- Briar Creek
- Irwin Creek: Idlewild to Lakeview Circle
- Little Sugar Creek: Polk Historic Site to SC State Line

Facilities

- Marion Diehl/Sugaw Creek Recreation Center
- Northern Regional Center



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Capital Projects In Progress

Parks

- Tryon Hills
- Druid Hills
- Fred Alexander

Greenways

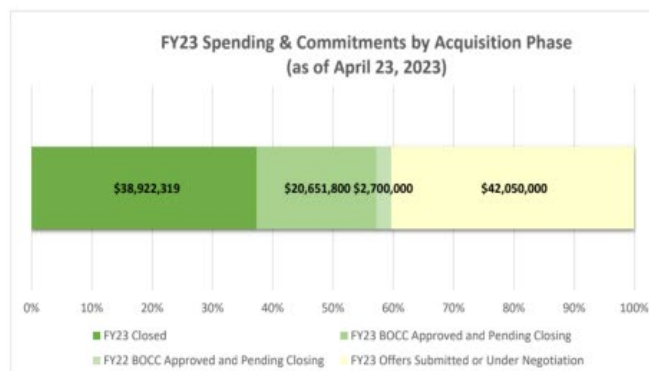
- Stewart Creek Phase 2
- Paw Creek @ Robert L. Smith Park
- Reedy Creek
- Torrence Creek Tributary 2
- Caldwell Station Tributary
- Long Creek Phase 1 & 2



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Land Acquisition Plans

Phase	# of Acquisitions
BOCC Approved and Pending Closing	13
Closed	30
Offer Submitted / Under Negotiation	13



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Closed Land Acquisitions FY 2023

Summary of Acreage Acquired by Use *Does not include BOCC Approved & pending closing*

Use	Sum of Fee Simple Acres
Greenway	23.99
Nature Preserve	68.34
Park	286.48
Park & Greenway	9.55
Grand Total	388.36



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Closed Land Acquisitions FY 2023: Acreage Summary



More Detailed Breakdown of Acreage Acquired by Use
Does not include BOCC Approved & pending closing



Greenway	23.99
017-142-74 Torrence Creek Trib II	3.74
025-103-08 Northwest Charlotte	0.79
027-105-90 Clarks Creek Greenway	0.74
064-10 Stewart Creek Greenway	2.4
129-041-37, 38, 40 Briar Creek Greenway	1.42
Caldwell Station Trib	1.11
Huntersville Downtown Greenway Easement	0.32
Irvins Creek Greenway	2.36
Six Mile Creek Greenway (Donation)	7.98
The Seam Trail Easement (Donation)	0.58
Torrence Creek Trib II	2.55
Nature Preserve	68.34
Coble Rd/Little Properties of Midland LLC	68.34
Park	286.48
East Mecklenburg	6.98
Northeast Charlotte	33.54
West Charlotte	34.84
045-241-13 Cedarwood Pointe Park	0.54
08303113 North Charlotte	0.76
167-191-01 Southwest Charlotte	6.73
219-124-22 Southwest Charlotte	5
East Charlotte	11.63
Mint Hill	26.96
North Charlotte	6.67
North Mecklenburg	91.61
North Mecklenburg	14.94
Northeast Charlotte	3.75
West Charlotte	15.07
East Charlotte	27.46
Park & Greenway	9.55
031-095-01 West Charlotte	9.55
Grand Total	388.36



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2024 Priorities and Focus Areas

Improve Parks and Facilities in Poor Condition	Expand Programming	Land Acquisition	Expand Parks and Facilities in Underserved Areas	Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate needs and prioritize Assess biggest continued maintenance needs Allocate funding as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusive of expanding playing fields, facilities and programs for children and seniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$50M annual budget What are the needs or obstacles for more efficient and effective acquisitions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to assess current locations and identify gaps and needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledge the need for an increase in the number of Park Rangers and other security measures to address public safety concerns



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Proposed Park Projects for FY2029 CIP Budget

Parks and Nature Preserves: \$20.7M

- Campbell Creek Park
- Derita Park
- Julian Underwood Park
- Wayfinding

Greenways: \$30.2M

- Little Sugar Creek Greenway (Parkwood Underpass)
- Sugar Creek Greenway (McDowell Farms Dr. to Arrowood Rd.)
- Irwin Creek Greenway (Crestridge to Sugar to Sugar Creek Greenway Yorkmont Rd)

Greenways with Partnerships: \$23.3M

- Irwin Creek Greenway (Clanton to Crestridge)
- Irwin Creek Greenway (Hamilton to Ex Irwin Creeks Greenway Rays Splash Planet)
- McDowell Creek Greenway (Catawba Avenue to Westmoreland Rd.)



Current Total: \$74.2

Subject to change based on further recommendations




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In Conclusion

- Investments made to local parks, facilities, nature preserves and greenways not only raise the standard of living in our neighborhoods but also spark activity that can ripple throughout the economy of Mecklenburg County.
- The information we have provided demonstrates how Mecklenburg County residents' tax dollars are being spent on their parks and facilities.
- We are deeply concerned that available land for parks will be substantially diminished by the year 2030.
- The rolling CIP recommendation of \$74.2m for FY2029 is subject to change.
- We greatly appreciate the BOCC's support for our FY24-28 Park Projects.

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Comments

Commissioner Powell asked for clarification about the land acquired needing maintenance professionals to upkeep. *Mr. Egleston said they had money allocated for property land acquisition but if there weren't enough people and enough emphasis for those people to be out there looking for those opportunities and closing those deals, money can't get spend quickly enough.*

Commissioner Powell asked if there was any conversation about a need for the Regional Superintendents to have more support. *Mr. Egleston said that he couldn't speak to that specifically, but he felt certain that no segment of any department couldn't use more manpower but heard specifically that there would be a benefit to having more people in the Real Estate land acquisition focus area.*

Commissioner Powell cautioned about using the language of "land banking." She said it was not land banking; there was an intention to it to meet the needs of the population.

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Commissioner Jerrell thanked the Park and Rec Committee and asked for clarification regarding the closed land acquisitions for 2023 by asking what the technical distinction is between Park and Park & Greenway. *Mr. Larkin said Park & Greenway are Greenways that go through existing parks.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell thanked the Park and Rec Commissioners for slide 2 and how it was presented because it defined the value of parks.

Chair Dunlap thanked Park and Rec on behalf of the Board. He said the Board wanted them to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible, and if there were any issues, please to let them know.

MANAGER'S REPORT

23-0643 RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS

The Board received an update on the County staff's research and due diligence on retiree medical benefits.

Chair Dunlap made comments with regard to the retiree medical benefits issue.

Keisha Young, Human Resources Director, gave the presentation.

Background: At the May 2, 2023, regular board meeting, following an update on retiree medical benefits, the Manager advised the Board of County Commissioners that staff would complete additional research on this business matter. County staff has completed its due diligence and the Board was briefed on the findings.



AGENDA



POLICY TIMELINE
How has the policy changed over time?



NEXT STEPS
How do we move forward?



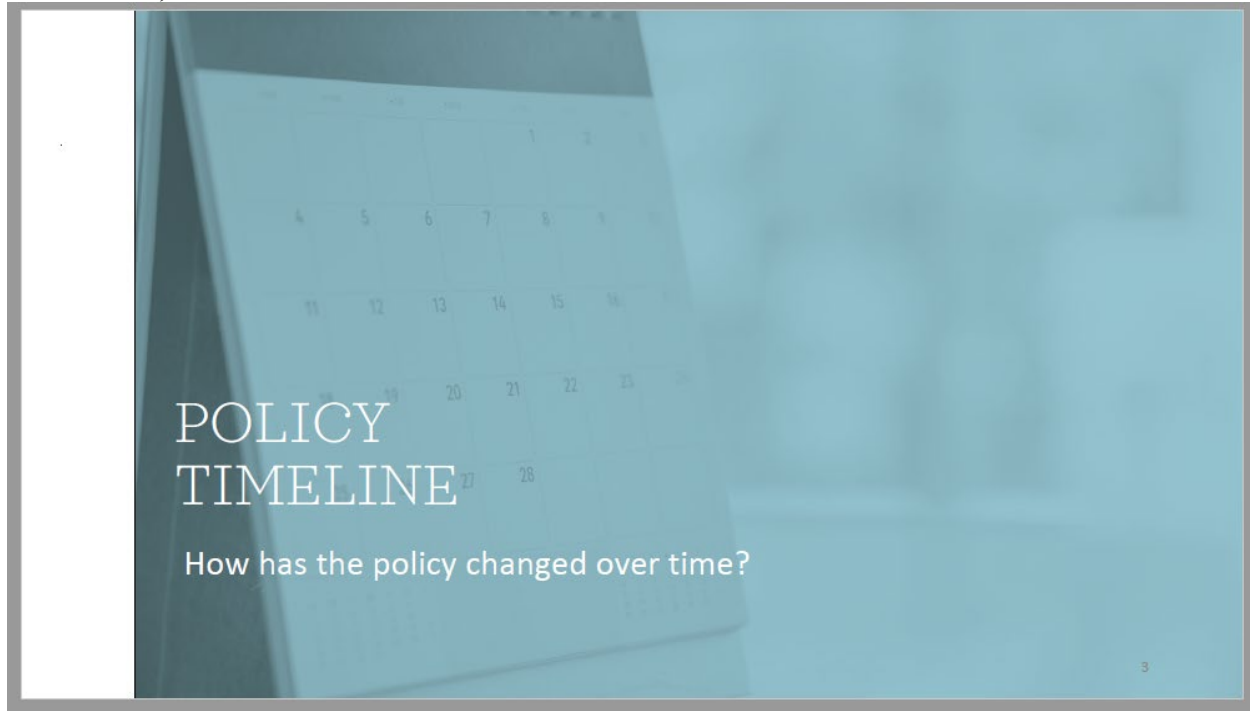
POLICY VS. PRACTICE
What is the current policy compared to practice?



QUESTIONS



IMPLICATIONS
What are the impacts of the current practice?

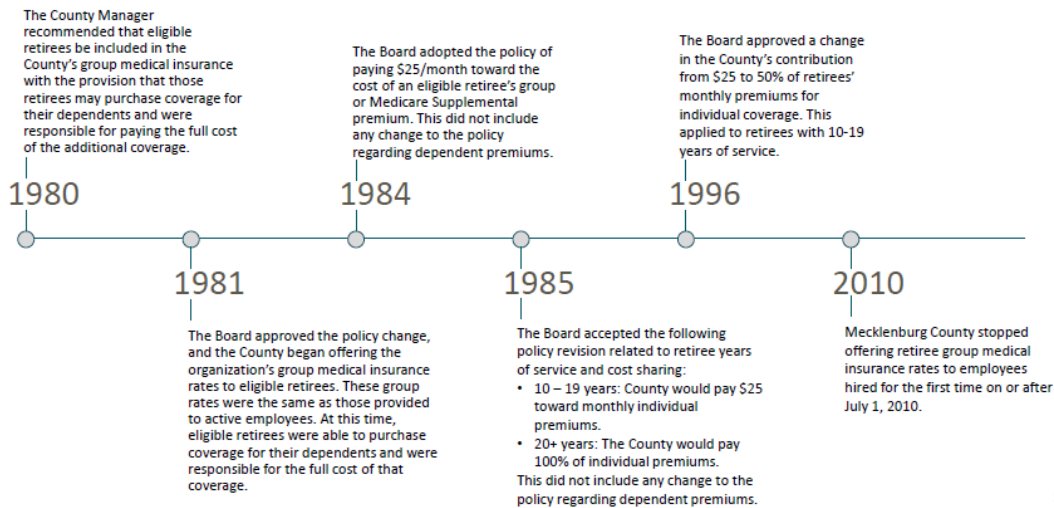


POLICY DEFINITIONS

- **Eligibility:** Since 1981, eligible retirees have been (and still are) eligible to participate in the County's medical plans at the group rate. Note, employees hired for the first time after July 1, 2010, are not eligible for retiree medical benefits.
- **Group Rate:** The total amount paid for medical premiums, regardless of who pays for it. The group rate is offered to all active employees and eligible retirees. This is different from cost sharing.
- **Cost Sharing:** The percentage of the premium the County pays compared to the percentage of the premium the individual pays.
 - **Individual Coverage Payment Responsibility:**
 - **10-19 years:** Retiree pays 50% of the County's medical plan group rate for their individual premium coverage.
 - **20+ years:** Mecklenburg County pays 100% for the individual premium coverage.
 - **Dependent Coverage Payment Responsibility:** Since 1981, policy has always stated that 100% of payment for the dependent premium coverage will be paid for by the eligible retiree.

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POLICY TIMELINE



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POLICY VS. PRACTICE

What is the current policy compared to practice?

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A SHIFT IN PRACTICE - 2017

- Prior to 2017, retirees paid 100% of the cost of dependent coverage.
- Even though Mecklenburg County's policy regarding retiree medical insurance did not change, the County began paying towards the retiree-dependent coverage as of January 1, 2017.
- Since 1981, there has been no change in policy or practice regarding eligible retirees receiving the County's group medical insurance rates.

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POLICY VS. PRACTICE TODAY

Current Policy

- For those eligible to participate in the County's retiree medical plan, Mecklenburg County subsidizes retiree medical insurance premiums based on the table below.

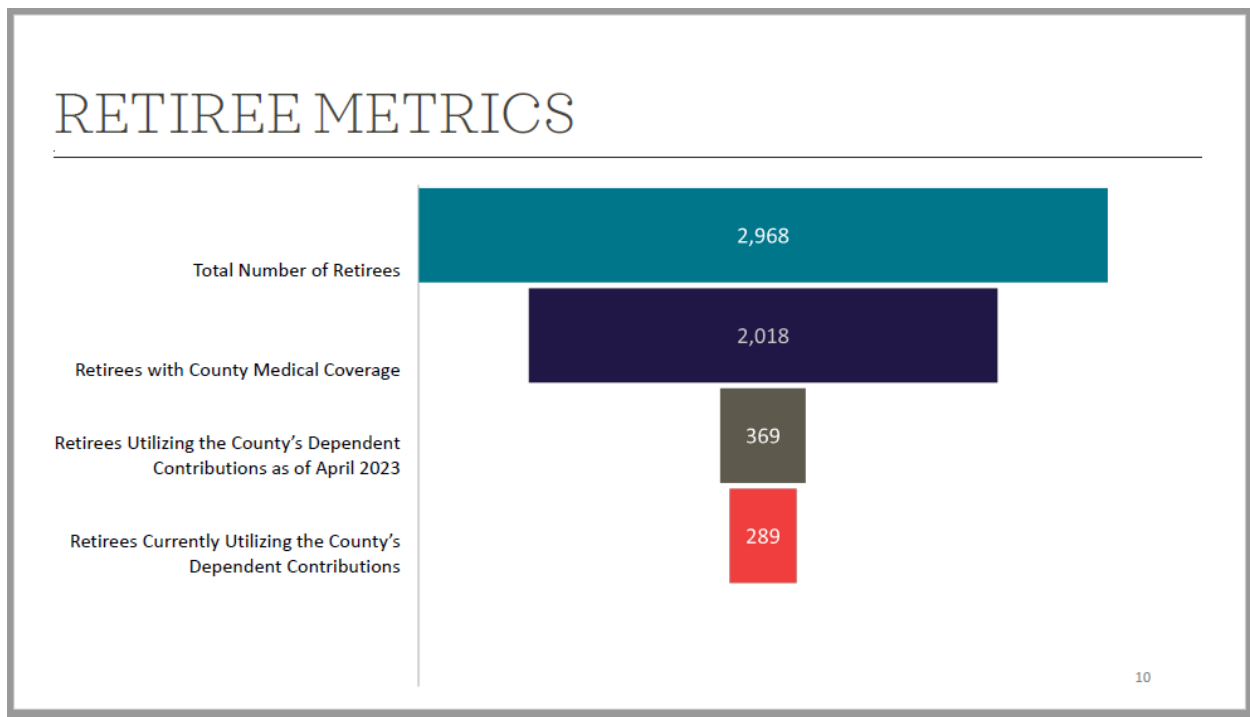
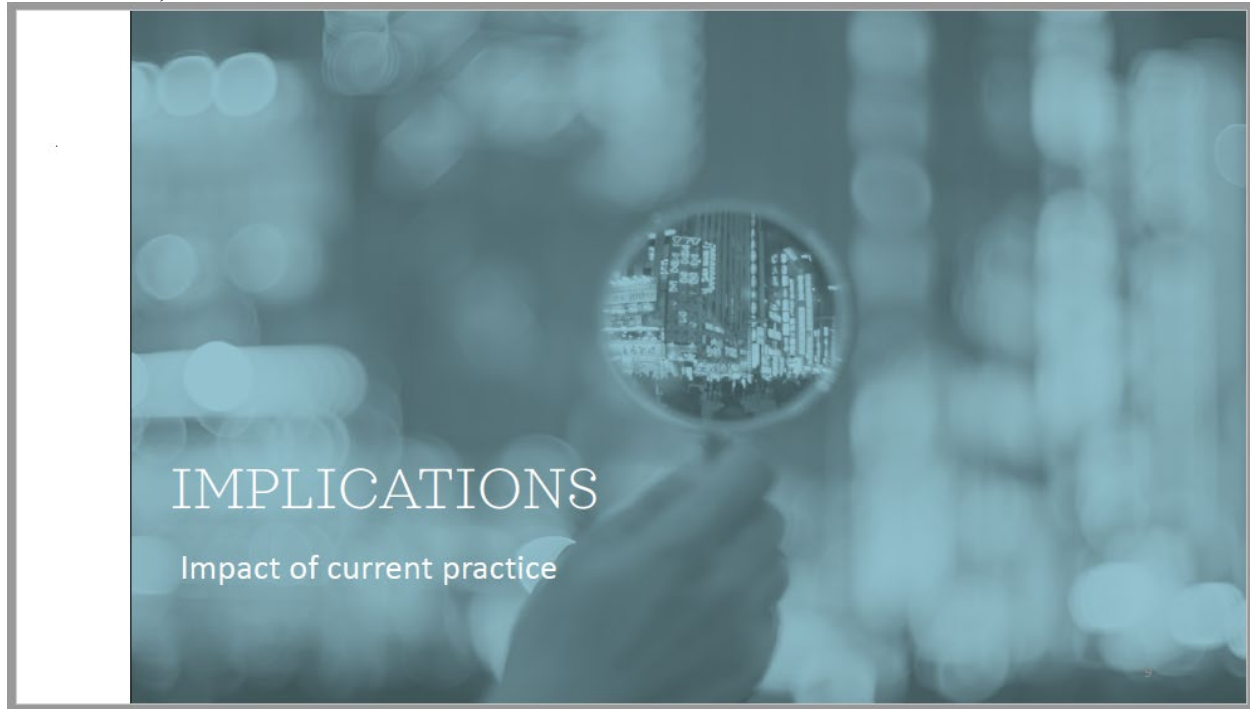
Qualifying Service	Paid by the County
10-19 years	50% of the County portion of the individual premium
20+ years	100% of the County portion of the individual premium
Retirees are responsible for paying their portion of the individual premium and the full premium for dependents.	

Current Practice

- Eligible individual retirees receive the benefits as outlined in the table on the left.
- As of today, the County still contributes to the retirees' dependents' medical coverage for those who retired prior to January 1, 2023, which is inconsistent with policy.
- Eligible retirees are offered the County's group medical insurance rates.

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NEXT STEPS

- Mecklenburg County will realign practice with policy effective January 1, 2024.
 - Retirees will be responsible for 100% of the cost of their dependents' coverage.
- Retirees may select their 2024 insurance coverage during the upcoming open enrollment period, which will take place between November 6, 2023, and November 17, 2023.
- Mecklenburg County will continue to offer eligible retirees the organization's group medical insurance rates.



Comments

The following signed up to speak on this agenda item:

Mr. David Barley - spoke about the retiree benefits, stating that the language from the original plan that was voted on in 1981 is different from what is being stated now. He said the rates were going to triple, from approximately \$300 for a spouse to \$900.

Ms. Young said that all data on the timeline in the presentation came directly from the policy and or minutes and that nothing had been added or changed.

County Manager Dena Diorio said the confusion seemed to be what the rates are that people are supposed to be paying. She said the rate offered to active employees is the same rate offered to retirees. She said the difference is that the rate that's offered to active employees is subsidized by Mecklenburg County. She said it was the same rate that's offered to retirees for their dependents, but the County was not subsidizing that rate. She said it was the same rate that was being offered to retirees and active employees.

Mr. Leon Miller –Chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Retirees Association, spoke on behalf of the retirees with regard to rates for retirees.

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Chair Dunlap said retirees and employees had the same rate; the difference is that current employees were subsidized by the County, and the retirees were not.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked if the understanding was that in 1981 retirees and active employees paid the same amount. *Ms. Young said no, they were to pay the same group rate as active employees, but active employee's rates were subsidized by the County.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked that on page 4 if they were standard policy definitions. *Ms. Young said yes, they were standard HR definitions as they relate to insurance.*

Commissioner Meier asked what happened before 2017 and if it was a mistake. *County Manager Diorio explained that in 2017 when the County transitioned from the old plans to a new series of plans with new titles, a new plan was introduced, and when those rates were entered into the system they were entered incorrectly, and retirees were getting a benefit for their dependents that they had not received before. She said they had all the rate information and know exactly what people paid prior to 2017 and after 2017. She said the documentation was very clear about what people were paying and when.*

Commissioner Meier asked, with regard to the 289 dependents who were using County health insurance, how much it was costing the County. *Ms. Young stated approximately \$2 million.*

Commissioner Meier asked if the they continued subsidizing would they have to go back and offer the same thing. *County Manager Diorio said they couldn't offer a benefit to just 289 people.*

Commissioner Altman asked what the total number of retirees was currently. *County Manager Diorio said 2,968.*

Commissioner Altman asked what the number of retirees who began to get the benefit that no one else was getting by error was according to the research in 2017. *County Manager Diorio said there were 369 that had it as of April 2023, a number of them have transitioned off the plan to a different plan and now there were 289 that were getting dependent coverage through the County's plan.*

Commissioners Altman and Griffin asked clarifying questions, which County Manager Diorio and Ms. Young answered.

Commissioner Jerrell asked if the rates were the same, and if the issue was the subsidy for retiree-dependent care. He asked if there was any reference to this in the Board Minutes? *Ms. Young*

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said the information in the minutes stated that the retirees would pay 100% of their dependents' coverage at the same rate as active employees and that it did not state anything about a subsidy for dependents.

Vice-Chair Powell said the Board cared. She said they had to look at the policy Human Resources was following. She said they needed to learn more. She said healthcare wasn't the same as it was in 1981. She said they are taking it all in and working through it.

Chair Dunlap said he wanted to be clear that this was a policy the manager was required to follow unless the Board changed it.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked clarifying questions, which Ms. Young answered.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said she would never vote to take away promised benefits to retirees.

Commissioner Griffin said he needed to sit down and discuss it further with the County Manager to get a clear understanding because he was not comfortable right now.

Commissioner Dunlap said since there was no policy change, the County Manager would follow the policy as outlined.

23-0642 HISTORIC LATTA REVISITED PROJECT UPDATE

The Board received an update on the project status.

W. Lee Jones, Director, and Liz Morrell, Manager gave the presentation.

Background: In June of 2021, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation opted not to renew its contract with Historic Latta, Inc., the nonprofit organization that had operated the former plantation house at Latta Nature Preserve for more than 25 years. The decision came as a result of the organization's failure to adhere to the terms of its contract. Since ending the contract, Mecklenburg County staff and community partners have engaged in a series of planning and benchmarking activities intended to provide a foundation for the eventual reopening of the site. The purpose of the presentation is to provide the Board with a project update and next steps.



Historic Latta Place Project Update

Mecklenburg County Government

Park and Recreation

W. Lee Jones, AIA, NCARB
Director

Liz Morrell, CPRP, Ph.D.
Historic, Cultural and Community Resources Manager

Introduction

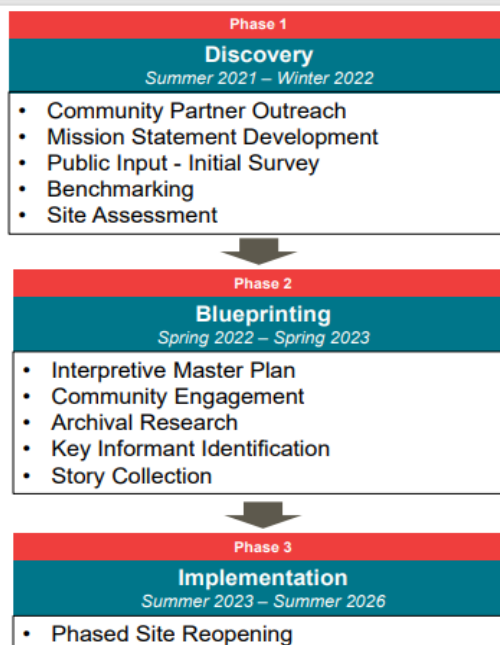
In June of 2021, Mecklenburg County opted not to renew its contract with Historic Latta, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization that had operated the site since the 1970s.

Mecklenburg County staff and community partners have since completed the first two phases of a three-phased site reopening project.

Summer 2023 marked the beginning of Phase 3 (Implementation).



Latta Place Revisited



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Presentation Outline

- Summary of Phase 1 and 2 Activities
- Summer 2023 Updates
- Proposed Implementation Timeline



Phase 1 Summary: Discovery

The goal of Phase 1 was to collect information about Latta Place and other key historic sites to understand what the scope of the project would be.

Community Partner Outreach

- A diverse team of community partners including historians, museum professionals, activists and descendants was assembled.

Mission Statement Development

- Staff and community partners developed a mission statement based on peer-reviewed research and public input.

Statistically Valid Survey

- A statistically valid survey gathered input from 917 County residents about their awareness of and interest in the site.

Benchmarking

- Staff and partners conducted visits to 18 historic sites across the southeast.

Site Assessment

- A site assessment revealed the need for ongoing onsite maintenance while the site is closed, including extensive structural repairs to the historic house.



LATTA PLACE

Truth | Transparency | Compassion | Transformation | Unity

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Latta Place Mission Statement

Staff and community partners developed a vision statement for the site based on research and public input.

We believe it is our duty to tell the truth.

We resolve to practice transparency in all that we do.

We are dedicated to providing:

A transformational and engaging experience featuring holistic storytelling filled with truth and empathy.

An educational experience, giving voice to a multitude of historical perspectives.

A bridge between the past and present through historical interpretation.

An essential resource to the residents of the greater Charlotte/Mecklenburg community and beyond.

A visit that inspires self-examination and application of knowledge.

A hub for the promotion of historical research and peer-reviewed scholarship.

A welcome to all visitors with the intent of fostering dignity, while respecting the natural environment in which Latta Place is located.

Phase 2 Summary: Blueprinting

The goal of Phase 2 was to complete an interpretive master plan that provides a framework for programming at Latta Place.



The **Interpretive Master Plan** establishes a framework for how visitors will connect to the deep, complex and often emotional stories associated with Latta Place.



Community Engagement during Phase 2 grew out of the recognition for the importance of direct community input into the way in which history is presented at the Latta site and beyond.



The County contracted with Johnson C. Smith University to compile a **thorough documentation of the history** of Latta Place within the context of the surrounding northern Mecklenburg County plantation district.

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Latta Place Interpretive Themes

These themes will guide programming and interpretive programming at historic sites across Park and Recreation's inventory.

Perspectives of the Enslaved

Enslaved Black workers, many of whom were trafficked from Africa or the Caribbean, lived, worked and died at this site. They brought with them their own knowledge, skills and beliefs that have impacted the social fabric of the region.

Inequality Reflected in the Built Environment

The built environment of Mecklenburg County reflects structural inequality that has been established through decisions made over time and into the present. Despite living under violent conditions, enslaved Black and indigenous people formed communities, worshipped together and created families. The labor and craftsmanship of these enslaved workers is responsible for many structures that demonstrated the wealth and status of the ruling class during the 18th and 19th centuries. Descendants of these communities still call Mecklenburg County home and continue the cultural traditions and histories of their ancestors.

Utilizing Natural Resources

Mecklenburg County's land has sustained generations of people, beginning with indigenous groups such as the Catawba Nation. At Latta Place, later generations came to value the land for its potential to support commercial agriculture. Now, careful planning and management help ensure the protection of this landscape into the future.

Indigenous Perspectives and Experiences

Historic Latta is located on the ancestral lands of the Catawba Nation, who have called this region home since time immemorial. Today, the Tribe maintains strong ties to the land and their ancestors.

Lasting Legacies

Systemic racism is a system in which public policies, institutional practices, cultural representations and other norms work in various, often reinforcing, ways to perpetuate racial group inequality. The preservation and interpretation of historic sites allows County residents to understand the past and work toward healing.

Summer 2023 Updates

As the project moved from Blueprinting to Implementation, key milestones were achieved to ensure a successful Phase 3 execution.

A **Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) analysis** was conducted in partnership with the UNC Charlotte Anthropology Department.

A **Communications and Marketing Plan** is under development.

A **Request for Qualifications** for a project team to complete identified capital improvements at the site was released and consultant selection is underway.

A **Historic Site Manager** job description is under development. This position will be advertised in November.



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Phase 3 Projected Timeline: Implementation

Phase 3 is a partnership with Mecklenburg County Asset and Facilities Management that will conclude with the site's Grand Reopening.



Speaker Mr. William Grice spoke in opposition to this agenda item.

Comments

Commissioner Powell asked if staffing would be in-house. *Mr. Jones said they wanted to have a core staff but was at the preliminary stages of defining what that looked like. He said there would be a phased opening for people to come visit the site while certain aspects of it were under construction. He said they would also be working with other entities.*

23-0650 OPIOID SETTLEMENTS FUNDING UPDATE

The Board received updated information on the Opioid Settlement proceeds allocation.

Robert Nesbit, Chief of Staff for the Consolidated Human Services Agency, gave the presentation.

Background: Mecklenburg County, along with several other state and local governments across the nation, joined the national settlement agreements with drug makers, manufacturers, distributors, and pharmaceutical companies referred to as Wave 1 of the Opioid Settlements.

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Pursuant to North Carolina's Memorandum of Agreement (NC MOA), which outlines eligible uses of the settlement funding, the County developed a Wave 1 Opioid Settlement Spending Plan. The spending plan was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on May 16, 2023. The plan recommended investing \$10,915,000 in strategies outlined in Exhibit A of the NC MOA to address the opioid epidemic.

\$6,025,000 of this funding was made available through a competitive community application process for agencies that provide opioid treatment and other related services. The County accepted submissions under the following Exhibit A strategies:

- *Early Intervention*
- *Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment*
- *Recovery Housing Support*
- *Recovery Support Services*
- *Employment-Related Services*

The presentation includes the Manager's funding recommendations for funding the agencies who applied through the community application process.



Opioid Settlements Update

Manager's Funding
Recommendations:
FY24-25

Agenda

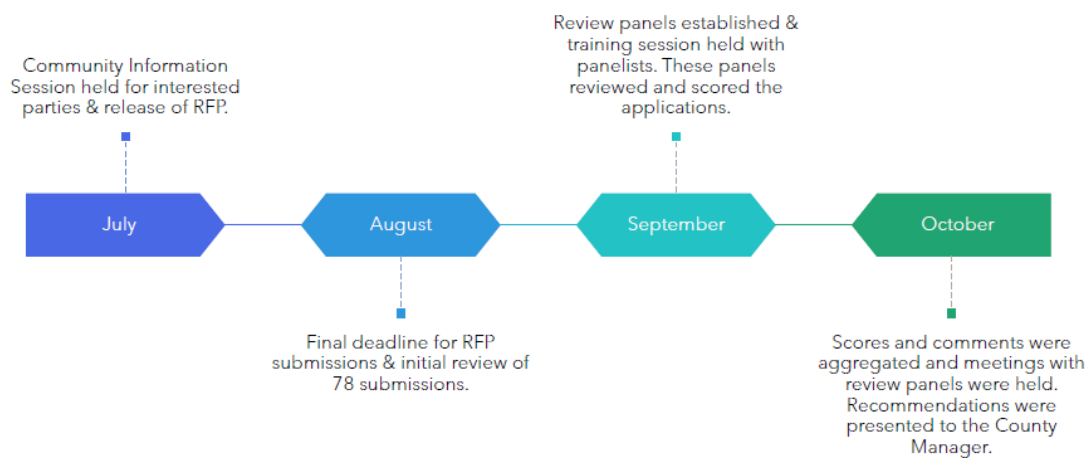
- Summary of Achievements
- The Community Application Process
- Overview of Applications Submitted
- Review Criteria
- Recommendations for Funding
- Next Steps

Summary of Achievements

- Executed a contract with Alliance Health to expand Early Intervention Services, Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment and Recovery Support Services in their provider network.
- Implemented a contract with Queen City Harm Reduction to expand their Syringe Services Program.
- Established collaborative meetings with the Northern and Southern towns to coordinate and communicate about resources related to Opioid Settlements funding.
- Opened a community application portal and completed a review of applications to produce recommendations.
- Hired a new team member in County Manager's Office to help lead the implementation of initiatives.

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TIMELINE OF EVENTS



Applications by Funding Strategy

	Number of Applications	Amount of Funding Available	Funding Requested	Number of Proposals Funded
Early Intervention	8	\$750,000	\$2,146,361	3
Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment	19	\$750,000	\$11,005,857	2
Employment-Related Services	9	\$525,000	\$2,703,937	3
Recovery Housing Support	18	\$3,000,000	\$13,112,331	5
Recovery Support Services	24	\$1,000,000	\$8,071,537	4
Total	78	\$6,025,000	\$37,040,023	17

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Considerations for Proposals



CAPACITY TO
ADDRESS THE
OPIOID EPIDEMIC



FEASIBILITY OF
PROJECT



HARM REDUCTION
APPROACH



EQUITY



BUDGET

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The Manager's Recommendations

OPIOID SETTLEMENTS: FY24-25

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Early Intervention

Program Name	Thompson Child and Family Focus
Estimated Funding	\$253,000
Description	Implement a national, evidence-based program, Friends of the Children. A component of Friends of the Children is a curriculum – Health and Opioid Prevention Education (HOPE) which focuses on the dangers of prescription opioid use. The program is a two-generation model for youth and caregivers. Services will be provided in 30 area schools as well as in the community. Across the life of the program, 275 families will receive three to four hours of services per week.

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Early Intervention

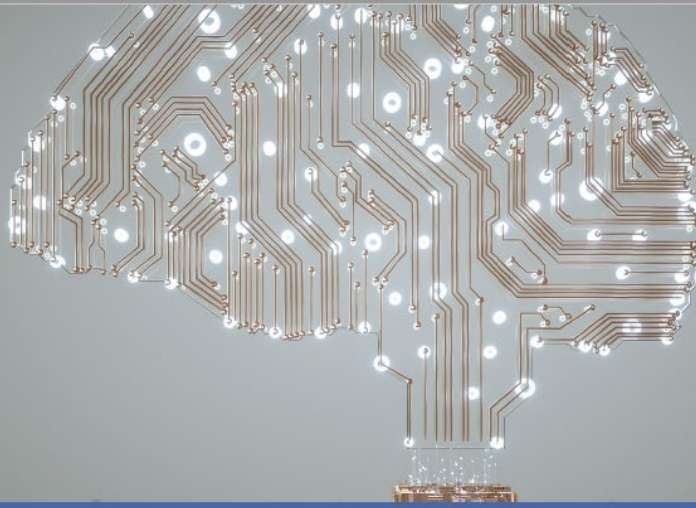
Program Name	Children's Home Society of North Carolina
Estimated Funding	\$110,000
Description	Provide quarterly training to 100 foster parents so they can maintain their license regardless of what agency they are licensed with. There is a shortage of providers offering this early intervention education making it difficult for foster parents to maintain their licensure. Foster parents across the County will be offered the training and a substance use prevention kit.

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Early Intervention

Program Name	Project 658
Estimated Funding	\$386,000
Description	Implement three evidence-based, early intervention curricula focused on building resilience: Practice Self-Regulation, Resource Parent Curriculum and Everyone Can Be Trauma Informed. Nearly 360 individuals, families, and practitioners are projected to be served. The program will focus on reaching youth and families with greatest risk factors for substance use.

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Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment

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Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment

Program
Name

Charlotte Health Community Clinic

Estimated
Funding

\$500,000

Description

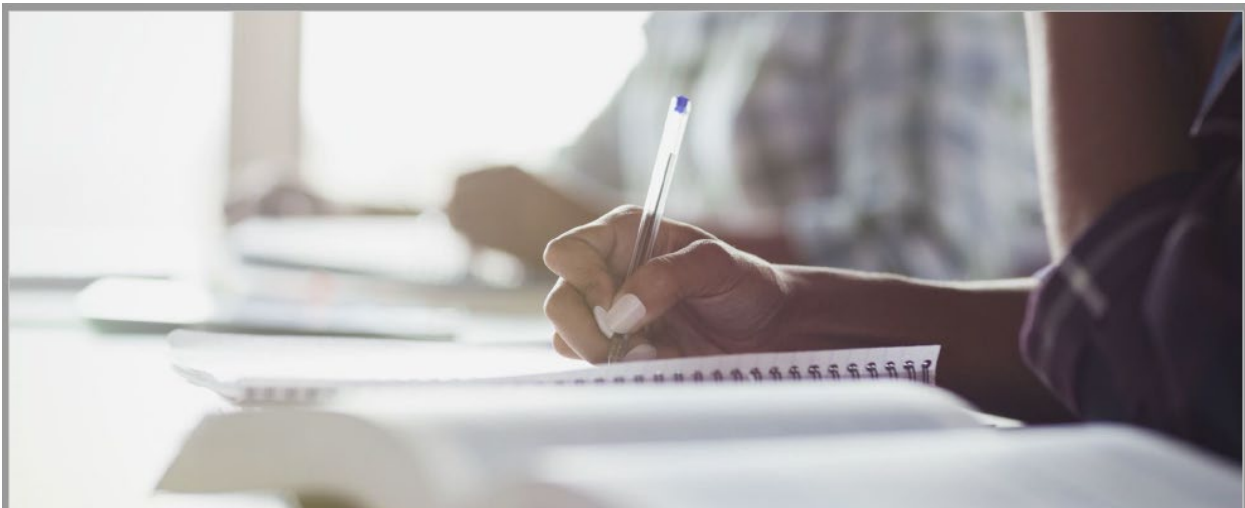
Offer an established integrated behavioral health and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program that serves individuals who are underinsured or uninsured. The team consists of primary care providers, behavioral health consultants, social workers, and additional clinical staff. Funding will allow the program to nearly double its capacity.

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Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment

Program Name	Amity Medical Group
Estimated Funding	\$250,000
Description	Utilize funds for Medical-Assisted Treatment (MAT) to support uninsured and underinsured patients and transportation vouchers to travel to Amity sites for MAT treatment. Amity Medical Group meets all the eligibility requirements of a Federally Qualified Center and is seeking full FQHC status. The medical group provides integrated addiction, mental health, and primary care services across their four locations.

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Employment-Related Services

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Employment-Related Services

Program Name	Hope Haven
Estimated Funding	\$166,000
Description	Funds will be utilized to support the initiation of a Workforce Development Department. The department will be led by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and will provide residents soft skills (professionalism and communication) as well as technical skills and job placement. Residents will be offered financial assistance for items required to obtain employment. A scholarship fund will be developed to allow residents opportunities such as obtaining certifications, training programs, and GED preparation.

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Employment-Related Services

Program Name	Charlotte Area Fund
Estimated Funding	\$200,000
Description	Offer comprehensive employment services tailored to individuals in treatment or recovery from opioid addiction. Clients will have access to over 20 workforce development programs as well as employment success coaches. In addition, Charlotte Area Fund will offer wraparound services like housing and childcare assistance to support clients and provide employment stability. Charlotte Area Fund helps clients to obtain certificates in high demand fields such as highway construction, fiber optics, HVAC, and entry level medical certifications. The program will serve 80 clients across the project life cycle.

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Employment-Related Services

Program Name	National Center on Institutions and Alternatives
Estimated Funding	\$158,000
Description	Employment related services will be provided to individuals in treatment or recovery from opioid use disorder. Services will include vocational training, job placement, interview coaching, resume review, and wrap around supportive services. Participants enroll into a 17-week course in one of three career tracks: Automotive Repair, CDL Class B, and HVAC. In addition, participants are provided wraparound case management, workplace readiness skills, job placement, and career counseling. The center currently has partnerships in the community with several long-term substance use recovery programs.

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Recovery Housing Support

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Recovery Housing Support

Program Name	Hope Homes Recovery Services
Estimated Funding	\$820,000
Description	Expand recovery housing capacity to serve an additional 40 individuals in six MAT capable homes. Hope Homes serves as a low barrier bridge between residential treatment programs and independent living. Hope Homes will also utilize the funding to support sober events for residents and required transportation. Through the MAT capable homes, participants will have access to seven Peer Support Specialists. The Peer Support Specialists and training to support their development are also supported through this funding.

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Recovery Housing Support

Program Name	Queen City Harm Reduction
Estimated Funding	\$1,000,000
Description	Funds will be utilized for rental subsidy and support services to people in treatment, recovery, and in active use. Services include intensive case management, move-in deposits, and rent and utility support. The funding will support hiring a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Peer Support Specialist as well as a housing specialist and evaluator. The program will provide permanent supportive housing to 40 people per year and rental and utility assistance to an additional 135 Queen City Harm Reduction program members.

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Recovery Housing Support

Program Name	Oxford House
Estimated Funding	\$637,000
Description	Provide services to the re-entry and justice involved community. The program will house 50 individuals who are transitioning from incarceration or on probation/parole to the Oxford House. Funding will also support training at least 300 residents on overdose prevention and response. This funding will pay for two field positions, a re-entry coordinator and training and education coordinator.

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Recovery Housing Support

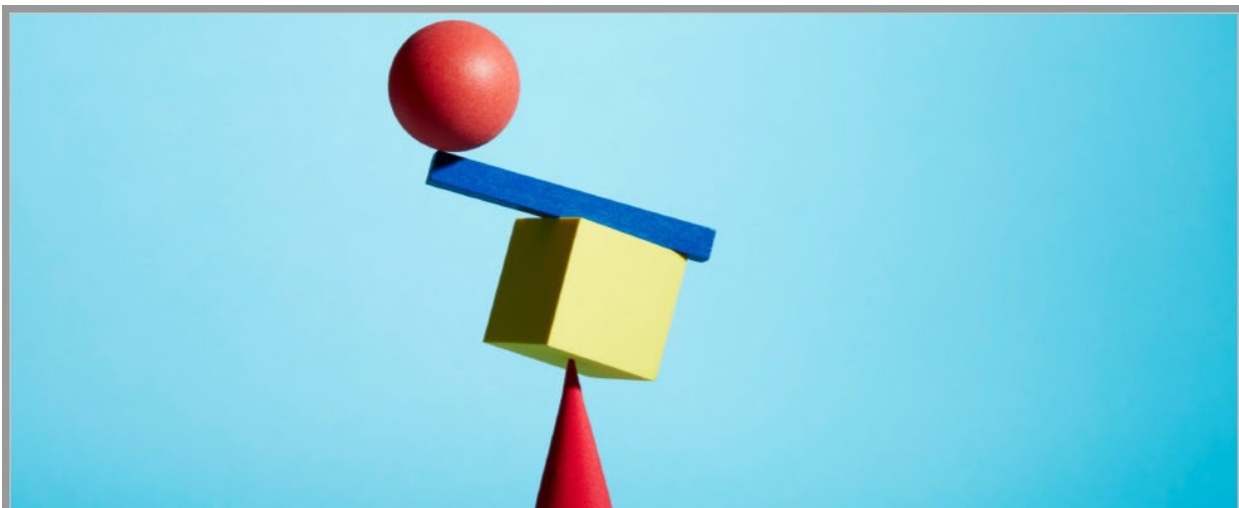
Program Name	McLeod Centers for Wellbeing
Estimated Funding	\$250,000
Description	Develop an emergency financial assistance fund to support past due rent and utility disconnection. Individuals who apply to these funds will be connected to a financial navigator. The financial navigator will review applications, prioritize funding and work with clients one-on-one to achieve financial stability. The goal of this program is to provide resources so that clients do not have to choose between paying for treatment and paying for housing.

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Recovery Housing Support

Program Name	Continuum Care Services
Estimated Funding	\$393,000
Description	Support a pilot recovery housing program for women of color. They will specifically target low-income women who are part of the re-entry community. Safe living spaces will be provided for 12 women. Clients will be provided culturally relevant treatment and recovery support services. Clients are provided housing for up to nine months. Funding will support one case manager, two house managers as well as funds to secure an appropriate home.

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Recovery Support Services

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Recovery Support Services

Program Name	Hope Haven
Estimated Funding	\$250,000
Description	Hire a new team of certified Peer Support Specialists that will focus on helping residents build “recovery capital” and have the resources they need to improve their overall well-being. Through the funding, three Peer Support Specialists will be hired to serve as recovery navigators. Recovery navigators will help clients move towards wellness, self-sufficiency, and economic mobility. Funding will also support connecting residents to free and reduced-cost health services in the community.

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Recovery Support Services

Program Name	SMART Recovery USA
Estimated Funding	\$210,000
Description	Utilize funds to expand evidence-based mutual support groups that focus on self-management and recovery training. The funds will be utilized to hire a community outreach coordinator to cultivate a local community of practice that includes providers and organizations who are committed to prioritized communities. Goals of the project include increasing community-wide education and awareness through trauma informed training and using the lived experience of people to raise awareness and decrease stigma.

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Recovery Support Services

Program Name	Carolina Cares Partnership
Estimated Funding	\$372,000
Description	Utilize the funding to provide peer navigation and mental health treatment to Latinx and LGBTQIA populations in treatment and recovery. Funds will be utilized to hire a Peer Support Specialist as well as an Addictions Specialist to provide substance use treatment to 100 individuals across two years. In addition, the funds will partially support the LGBTQIA Director to provide oversight for the program, supervise staff, and collect and manage data related to the project.

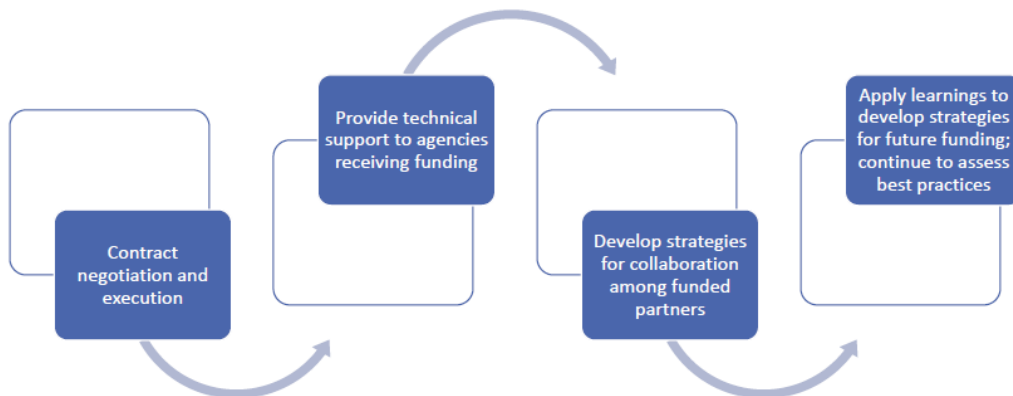
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Recovery Support Services

Program Name	Amity Medical Group
Estimated Funding	\$167,000
Description	Fund two positions for recovery support services, a Peer Support Specialist and a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist - Associate (LCAS-A). Duties assigned to the Peer Support Specialist will include community outreach, recovery support services, harm reduction services, and connections to primary health care. The LCAS-A will work in tandem with the Peer Support Specialist and provide case management and navigation services, connections to treatment, and wraparound supports.

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Next Steps



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Board Requested Action

- **Requested Action:** Authorize the Manager to negotiate contracts with the recommended funding partners, to include:
 - o Deeper review of the proposals' budgets (salary, operating, administrative and capital)
 - o Define performance metrics to ensure alignment with NC MOA policy and other County initiatives where applicable
 - o Review outcomes reporting and financial reporting requirements

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Comments

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, to approve Manager's funding recommendations for those agencies applying under the County's Wave 1 Opioid Spending Plan.

Commissioner Meier asked when giving money to support positions how they moved on and sustained. *Mr. Nesbit said it was an 18-year funding pool and could look at continued support. He said they were working closely with Alliance Health so that if an agency wasn't Medicaid billing, they could collaborate with Alliance Health, which helped with sustainability.*

Commissioner Meier asked if this was something that would be added to the budget in the future. *County Manager Diorio said we get the funding for 18 years, so maybe it would be in 18 years.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked if there was a sense of how many people would be impacted by the \$6M. *Mr. Nesbit said that he didn't want to give a number because some of the numbers could change through the finalization of contracts but that they would do some quality reporting of the outcomes.*

Mr. Nesbit said they wanted to create a data dashboard similar to the ARPA dashboard to show the impact of the outcomes. He said they wanted to be able to course-correct along the way if something happened in the community that needed to be addressed.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked if the funding was for two years and if we would go through the process again in two years. *Mr. Nesbit said that they may adjust the process and search for best practices with this model. He said they may do a "request for quotes" approach.*

Commissioner Leake asked how we would get this out to the community. *Mr. Nesbit said there was an upcoming Opioid Settlement Community Engagement event on November 7th which was already sold out, and were promoting it through there and through behavioral health community engagements.*

Commissioner Leake where most of the applications came from. *Mr. Nesbit said mostly from non-profit organizations. He said they thoroughly looked at each organization for sustainability.*

Commissioner Leake asked how long these programs would last. *Mr. Nesbit said that they were funded for FY24 and FY25, but we had the Opioid Settlement funding across 18 years which created a lot of opportunity for sustainability and trying out different approaches as well.*

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Commissioner Jerrell asked, concerning the presentation, if the reason they hadn't defined success was because they were trying to baseline. He asked how they would have an idea of what success would look like. *Mr. Nesbit said that he didn't want to put out numbers that could be inaccurate, so there was some baselining and some defining the metrics and impact through the contracting process. He said they also wanted to pay attention to what was happening in the community to define the key areas to impact.*

Commissioner Griffin said he was looking for some framework and metrics. He asked County Manager Diorio how we supported other non-profits to go in deeper if they needed additional funds. *County Manager Diorio said this was the first round of deploying these dollars, so they needed to go back and look into what the strategy would be moving forward. She said there would be an application process, but there may be a way to restructure funding to be able to look at other organizations that were currently doing this work to see if there was additional work they could be doing for additional impact.*

Commissioner Griffin asked County Manager Diorio how she was staffing to manage and administer the programs from the perspective of looking for specific outcomes and results. *County Manager Diorio said they would be hiring additional staff as they continued to take on these additional programs. She said she felt there was enough staff to manage the programs.*

Commissioner Altman said it was so important that we measure and demonstrate proof of concept and that we were moving the needle. She said noting from meeting with Dr. Allen there was a much deeper dive in data than what the Board receives. She said what was presented to the Board was not the full picture of data collection and monitoring.

Chair Dunlap said he wanted to make sure that County Manager Diorio had the staff to give the data to the Commissioners in the way that they requested it.

Chair Dunlap asked if any considerations were given to organizations that might be doing something with ARPA funds that these dollars would make it go even further. *Mr. Nesbit said that there are, such as the National Centers on Institutions and Alternatives (NCIA), a workforce development agency that received ARPA funding, and they were funding approximately \$158,000 to focus on individuals who were receiving Opioid treatment.*

Chair Dunlap asked that while these dollars were different, if they baked in some kind of clawback provisions or sunset provisions if an organization wasn't doing what was anticipated or expected, so that there wasn't an extended wait period to be able to address the funding for that particular organization. *Mr. Nesbit said that they would be able to do that, as they were intentional about writing these contracts to ensure alignment with the memorandum of agreement policy guidance and if there were red flags that it was not happening or that the outcomes weren't being achieved*

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that create meaningful impact in the community, we would look at ending the contract or pursuing other purposes for that funding.

Chair Dunlap said that historically it was found that when funding an agency, there was an expectation from the agency that they would always be funded and then they would be upset if the funding changed. He said as a part of the contractual agreement there should be no expectation that they would receive ongoing funding.

The Motion to approve the Manager's funding recommendations for those agencies applying under the County's Wave 1 Opioid Spending Plan was carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS

23-0629 DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

The Board received as information the department directors' monthly management reports. The monthly management reports can be accessed online via public dashboards at:

<https://meck.co/DataDashboard>

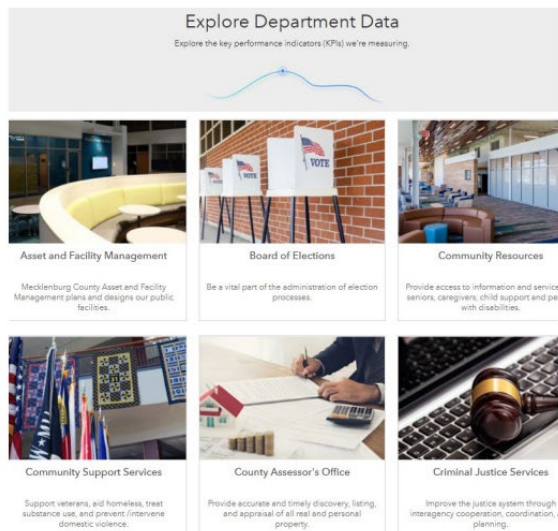
Background: The County Manager has requested department directors develop department management monthly reports highlighting key activities and initiatives within the departments and that reports show relevant performance indicators of departmental activity.

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Department Management Monthly Reports

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2023, the Department Management Monthly Reports transitioned to a public-facing dashboard.

[Click here, or click the image to the right, to access the Department Management Monthly Report Dashboard](#)



STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS - NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried to approve the following item(s):

23-0619 TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$4,406.03 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

23-0621 BOARD OF ELECTIONS LEASE

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a lease for one (1) year and (5) months with 741 Kenilworth Avenue, LLC, for office space to house staff with the Board of Elections.

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Background: Board of Elections is currently housed in County-owned space located 741 Kenilworth Avenue in midtown Charlotte in County Commission District 4. The County owns approximately 19,000 +/- square feet of office space located on the second and third floors of the building. The Staff has determined that the new space will be needed on the first floor for election activities and administration and have agreed to business terms with the landlord, contingent upon Board approval. This lease includes the following major business terms:

Major Terms:

New Space Location - 741 Kenilworth Avenue, 1st Floor totaling 4,075 SF

Lease Term - One (1) year and five (5) months with five (5) one (1) year renewal options

Base Rent - \$42.40/SF

Rent Escalations - 4% annually

23- 0632 MINUTES

Approve the following Meeting Minutes:

- September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting
- October 6, 2022 Regular Meeting
- November 1, 2022 Regular Meeting
- November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting
- December 6, 2022 Regular Meeting

23-0651 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) BOARD CEO SALARY APPROVAL

Approve the salary for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board CEO, Mr. Keva Walton, as requested and approved by the ABC Board, in the amount of \$244,048.00 effective July 1, 2023.

Background: State Statute requires the approval by the Board of County Commissioners as the appointing authority for the Mecklenburg County ABC Board.

Article 7. Local ABC Boards. § 18B-700. Appointment and organization of local ABC boards. Subsection: (g1) Compensation of General Managers of Local Boards. The salary authorized for

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the general manager, as defined in G.S. 18B-101, of a local board shall not exceed the salary authorized by the General Assembly for the clerk of superior court of the county in which the appointing authority was originally incorporated unless such compensation is otherwise approved by the appointing authority. The local board shall provide the appointing authority's written confirmation of such approval to the Commission. Any change in compensation approved by the appointing authority shall be reported to the Commission in writing within 30 days of the effective date of the change. The general manager of a local board may receive any other benefits to which all employees of the local board are entitled. The salary authorized for other employees of a local board may not exceed that of the general manager.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

23-0631 PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioners may remove agenda items from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote, to bring public awareness or to make comments. The following items were pulled and voted upon separately:

**23-0612 APPROPRIATE REPAYMENTS FROM COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY
STABILIZATION LOAN FUND TO THE SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to amend the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Stabilization Loan Fund resolution to transfer balances in the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Stabilization Loan Fund (CSBF) to the Small Business Loan Fund (SBLP) and to amend the Small Business Loan Fund Ordinance to receive the transfer of funds from the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Stabilization Loan Fund and to account for activities of the program going forward.

Background: The COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Stabilization Loan Fund (Stabilization Loan Fund) was funded \$5 million by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners in 2020. This non-revolving loan program has sunset with over 400 loans approved. The County is currently receiving loan repayments from the program.

The Small Business Loan Program (MeckLending) was created as a revolving loan program in 2020 with an initial County investment of \$2.5 million. This program has seen great participation and

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need from the small business community. To date, 48 loans have been approved in the amount of \$2,888,008 with an average loan size of \$60,166.

This action will capitalize repayment funds from the stabilization loan to continue to provide funding for the MeckLending revolving loan program.

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**MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE CREATION OF THE COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY
STABILIZATION LOAN FUND**

The following resolution was offered as an amendment to and restatement of the April 7, 2020 COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Stabilization Loan Fund, *by* Commissioner ___, who moved its adoption:

Section II. The County Director of Finance is authorized to transfer balances in the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Stabilization Loan Fund to the Small Business Program Loan Fund.

ADOPTED the 17TH Day of October, 2023

Approved as to Form:

Clerk to the Board

County Attorney

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #37.

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**MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM**

The following was offered as an amendment to and restatement of the Small Business Loan Program ordinance as adopted June 4, 2019 by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THIS THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER 2023:

Section I. The purpose of this Small Business Loan Fund is to hold and account for revenue for use for providing funds for small business loans.

Section III. That the balance in the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Stabilization Loan Fund, is hereby appropriated for transfer to the Small Business Loan Program Fund and future repayments received for COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Stabilization Loans for the purposes specified above.

The motion to adopt the foregoing was seconded by Commissioner _____ and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Noes _____

Approved As To Form:

County Attorney

Ordinance recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #38.

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23-0613 GRANT APPLICATION – DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION ACT FUNDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to approve the submission of a grant application for up to \$1,000,000 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Diesel Emission Reduction Act grant funding to support Mecklenburg County's Grants to Replace Aging Diesel Engines (GRADE) program and if awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate the award amount to the General Grant Fund (G001) within the Land Use and Environmental Services Agency and to adopt the required grant project ordinance for Diesel Emission Reduction Act in the General Grant Fund (G001).

Background: Mecklenburg County Air Quality (MCAQ) is requesting approval to apply for up to \$1,000,000 in Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The DERA funding will be used to provide sub-grants to replace heavy-duty diesel vehicles and equipment in the Charlotte region as part of the County's Grants to Replace Aging Diesel Engines (GRADE) program. GRADE is administered by current MCAQ staff, and all matching funds will be provided by equipment owners who participate in GRADE (no County funds are required).

Continuation of the GRADE program helps the Charlotte region maintain compliance with federal health-based standards for ground-level ozone and aligns with the County's Environmental Leadership Policy and the Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) Strategic Business Plan. GRADE is specifically identified in LUESA's Strategic Business Plan as one of the strategies to "Pursue grants that provide incentives for fleet turnover (retiring high-pollution engines in favor of cleaner engines)." (LUE3.1.A).

MCAQ has successfully administered the GRADE program since 2007 and has brought over \$8.8 Million in grant funding to the Charlotte region for equipment repower and replacement projects. As of June 30, 2023, GRADE projects have reduced over 1,2000 tons of NOx in the Charlotte region.

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GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality. The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County under the Diesel Emission Reduction Act program up to the amount of \$1,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds must be used to replace older, diesel trucks and equipment with newer, less polluting trucks and equipment.

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners deems this activity to be a worthy and desirable undertaking;

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 159-13.2, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that:

Section 1. The project described in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant application is hereby authorized to be undertaken for the duration of the grant.

Section 2. The County Manager is authorized to execute the grant agreement and other documents that are required or appropriate for the County to receive the Diesel Emission Reduction Act program and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in the General Grant Fund (G001) to complete this project:

Grant	\$1,000,000.00 (application/award amount)
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Section 4. The following expenses are appropriated for Mecklenburg County in the General Grant Fund (G001) to complete this project:

Grant	\$1,000,000.00 (application/award amount)
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Adopted this _____ day of _____

Clerk to the Board

Grant Project Ordinance recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #39.

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**23-0618 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT @ RISK CONTRACTING METHODOLOGY FOR
COUNTY PROJECTS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to authorize the use of Construction Management @ Risk (CM @ Risk) contract methodology for the Facility Based Crisis Center as the best delivery method for the project.

Background: In 2001, the General Assembly Session Law 2001-496 enacted Senate Bill 914 (revisions to G.S. 143-128), to provide construction flexibility for public entities by allowing the use, without limitation, of separate prime contracting, single prime contracting, dual bidding, Construction Management at Risk (CM@Risk), and alternative contracting methods authorized by the State Building Commission.

Effective October 1, 2014, the NC Legislature approved revisions to Section 143-128.1, requiring the comparison of the advantages and disadvantages of the CM@Risk method, and a decision by the governing body that the CM@Risk method "is in the best interest of the project" before it can be used by a public entity for a project.

"(e) Construction Management at Risk services may be used by the public entity only after the public entity has concluded that construction management at risk services is in the best interest of the project, and the public entity has compared the advantages and disadvantages of using the construction management at risk method for a given project in lieu of the delivery methods identified in G.S. 143-128(a1) (1) through G.S. 143-128(a1) (3). The public entity may not delegate this determination."

The office of Asset and Facility Management has developed the attached matrix comparing the two project delivery methods (see "Construction Management @ Risk Comparison Matrix")

With the Construction Management at Risk (CM@Risk) project delivery method, the construction manager assists the County with scheduling, constructability, and budget control prior to construction.

The County has successfully utilized the CM@Risk contract methodology previously on multiple projects involving renovations and new construction, including, the Eastway and Northern Regional Recreation Centers, MEDIC Headquarters and Northeast Community Resource Center. These projects were large, complex renovation projects that were time and budget sensitive.

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Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, Central Piedmont Community College and the City of Charlotte have also successfully utilized the Construction Management @ Risk methodology.

Project Description

The Facility Based Crisis Center is anticipated to be single-level, approximately 21,000 SF building. Key components of the Facility Based Crisis Center include, but are not limited to the following:

- 24/7 screening, Triage, and Assessment: Behavioral health clinicians and nurses, will be available to screen any individual for signs of behavioral and/or physical health crisis and make a determination of severity.*
- The Center will have an observation unit with 10-12 chairs where individuals will be monitored and regularly assessed for ongoing treatment needs up to 23 hours. Individuals needing this service, including those brought to the Center under an involuntary commitment order, will be observed and treated until a determination is made regarding their need for a higher level of care such as inpatient or facility-based crisis stay.*
- The Center will have a facility-based crisis unit (FBC Unit), which is a state-licensed 16-bed residential facility that will provide short-term behavioral health stabilization and treatment as well as alcohol and other substance detoxification. As required for the proposed Mecklenburg facility, the FBC Unit will be designated to accept and treat individuals under involuntary commitment. The FBC Unit will be designed to provide 3-7 days of treatment.*
- The Center will be a North Carolina Division of Health Services Regulation (NCDHSR) Licensed Facility Type .5000 (Facility Based Crisis Services for Individuals of All Disability Groups) and Type .3100 (Non-hospital Medical Detoxification for Individuals who are Substance Abusers).*

23-0620 GRANT APPLICATION – NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried, to approve submission of grant application up to \$40,000 to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the FY24 Food Waste Reduction Grant (FWR) and if awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate the awarded amount to the Solid Waste Grant Fund (G701) for the duration of the grant award and if awarded, adopt a grant project ordinance for the grant.

Background: Mecklenburg County's Solid Waste Management Program works to minimize solid waste in the community. The NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently advertised

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competitive grants for communities interested in food waste reduction. The grants have an upward limit of \$40,000 for standard projects and require a 20% match from the community.

LUESA Solid Waste recently became aware of this grant and requests to apply to the state for the standard project award. Securing the grant would increase the County's ability to remove food waste items from the waste stream, specifically those items brought to the full-service disposal centers.

The grant would supply infrastructure at each of the four full-service centers to facilitate the separate collection of food waste materials. If the full grant amount is received, it would require a 20% match from the County. The match from the county would be \$8,000, which is available from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

The grant funding would be used for minor infrastructure modifications needed to add the food waste collection equipment to increase the recycling of these commodities.

The Waste Management Advisory Board (WMAB) has formed a special Sub-Committee that concentrates on food waste reduction, and they encouraged staff to apply for the NC DEQ grant at their September 2023 meeting. Applications are due to the DEQ in October 2023.

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GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County is applying and/or has been awarded a grant from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The grant has been made available to Mecklenburg County up to the amount of \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds must be used to enhance food waste reduction efforts by adding infrastructure to collect and divert food waste and organics from landfilling; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners deems this activity to be a worthy and desirable undertaking;

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 159-13.2, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that:

- Section 1. The project described by the NC DEQ 2024 Food Waste Reduction Grant application is hereby authorized to be undertaken for the duration of the grant.
- Section 2. The County Manager is authorized to execute the grant agreement and other documents that are required or appropriate for the County to receive the NC DEQ grant and to undertake the project. The County Manager is directed to take steps necessary to ensure compliance with all spending and reporting requirements of the NC DEQ.
- Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated for Mecklenburg County in the G701 fund to complete this project:

Grant \$40,000.00 (application/award amount)

- Section 4. The following expenses are appropriated for Mecklenburg County in the G701 fund to complete this project:

Grant \$48,000.00 (application/award amount + match)

Adopted this ____ day of October 2023

Clerk to the Board

Grant Project Ordinance recorded in full in Ordinance Book 52, Document #40.

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23-0622 GRANT APPLICATION – SHERIFF’S OFFICE – NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to affirm the submission of an application to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to receive up to, but not to exceed, 1200 doses of Narcan Nasal Spray and if approved, receive a donation of up to 1200 doses of Narcan from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Background: In response to the continuing opioid crisis, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) seeks to make naloxone (Narcan) more widely available, particularly to individuals and communities at highest risk of opioid overdose. Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office will distribute Narcan provided by DHHS to at-risk populations identified by medical staff upon release from Mecklenburg County Detention Center-Central to limit the risk of overdose events post-release.

The application deadline is September 30, 2023.

NOTE: Commissioner Cotham left the meeting during the vote at 9:41 pm.

23-0623 MECKLENBURG COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and unanimously carried, to approve amendments for Mecklenburg County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Background: As an entitlement community, Mecklenburg County receives an annual share of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The following substantial amendments are necessary and require Board approval to allow new CDBG funded activities, modification of existing activities, and/or other program administrative actions as follows:

- § 2020-2024 Citizen Participation Plan Substantial Amendment #3
- § 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendment #3,

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- § 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan Amendment #4,
- § 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan Minor Amendment #1
- § 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment #2
- § 2022-20223 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment #2 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

23-0630 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioners shared information of their choosing within the guidelines as established by the Board, which included, but not limited to, past and/or upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and unanimously carried, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Kristine M. Smith, Clerk to the Board

George Dunlap, Chair