MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Budget/Public Policy Session in Conference Center Room 267 on the 2nd floor of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

ATTENDANCE

Present:Chair George Dunlap, Vice Chair Elaine Powell, and Commissioners
Leigh Altman, Patricia "Pat" Cotham, Arthur Griffin,
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
Deputy Clerk to the Board Arlissa Eason

Absent: Commissioner Mark Jerrell

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunlap, followed by introductions and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

23-0238 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Board received an update on FY24 - FY28 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

David Boyd, Chief Financial Officer, made the presentation.

Background: Chief Financial Officer David Boyd will provide an update on the County's Capital Improvement Plan. This update will include a review of the CIP strategy and timelines, review of

the proposed CIP funding and authorizations, current departmental submissions, and current CIP process next steps.



Project Evaluation

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Received project funding requests

- AFM
- CPCC
- Library
- Park

Evaluated through multiple lenses

- Department rankings
- CIP Committee scores
- CCBAC
- Executive Team/Department Discussions

Projects recommended for funding

• Summary: page 7

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• Detail: pages 8-9

Recommended Project Summary

Number of Projects by District							
	Funding	Not Funding					
District 1	7	8					
District 2	13	15					
District 3	6	14					
District 4	12	21					
District 5	4	4					
District 6	4	5					
N/A	13	9					
	59	76					

Funding by District									
	Funding	Not Funding							
District 1	65,443,157	93,043,144							
District 2	414,722,110	363,373,211							
District 3	457,234,682	208,487,452							
District 4	279,606,335	222,322,490							
District 5	30,899,417	30,285,934							
District 6	55,456,441	73,895,017							
N/A	207,487,230	153,777,786							
	1,510,849,372	1,145,185,035							

Number of Projects by Department									
	Funding	Not Funding							
Asset and Facility Management	10	7							
Central Piedmont Community College	4	12							
Library	8	7							
Park and Recreation	37	50							
	59	76							

Funding by D	epartment	
	Funding	Not Funding
Asset and Facility Management	809,102,550	385,896,396
Central Piedmont Community College	107,318,334	94,564,260
Library	146,299,343	112,632,201
Park and Recreation	448,129,144	552,092,178
	1,510,849,371	1,145,185,035



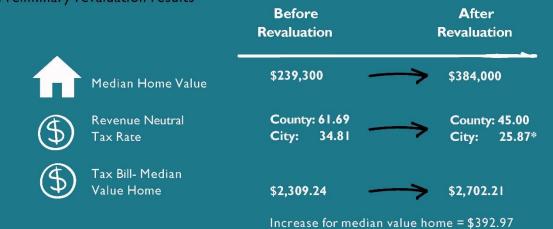
Scenario Results

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Debt	\$	100	\$	500	\$	450	\$	600	\$	600	\$	500	\$		\$	
Annual Tax Increase		1.00		1.00				-		2.00		0.50				
Cumulative Tax Increase		1.00		2.00		2.00	_	2.00		4.00		4.50		4.50		4.50
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Debt	\$	100	\$	500	\$	450	\$	600	\$	700	\$	600	\$	800	\$	-
Annual Tax Increase		1.00		1.00		-		-		2.00		2.00		1		-
Cumulative Tax Increase		1.00		2.00		2.00		2.00		4.00		6.00		6.00		6.00

Tax Impacts

Preliminary revaluation results



*City revenue neutral has not been determined – illustrative amount here assumes same decrease in rate as County revenue neutral rate

Tax Impacts

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Example: one cent increase on median value home:

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Pennies 0.5	Tax On \$384K Median Home \$ 19.20	I cent Sounty operating increase \$38.40
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2.5 3 3.5 4	\$ 96.00 \$ 115.20 \$ 134.40 \$ 153.60	Revaluation increase \$392.97
4.5 5	\$ 172.80 \$ 192.00	Total Tax Increase \$508.17
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Funding Scenario Takeaways



Tax increases are needed to fund capital needs.



Debt capacity is at a maximum. This will put pressure on bond rating (AAA to AAI = 5bps (.05%) = \$500K per \$100M borrowed, or \$12.5M on \$2.5B borrowed



Borrowing more than \$2.5B for CMS and \$750M for County is not recommended.

- Capacity after 2028 is limited
- Debt policy constraints
- Rating concerns



Additional capital would require PayGo funding- fund balance or additional tax increase. Approximately \$28M per penny per year (5 years = \$140M) Changes to the list of projects is zero-sum game. To add projects, must delete projects of equal cost.

Recommended AFM Projects

Project			Department		
Identifier	District	Department	Rank	Project Cost	Project Name
103	4	AFM	C1	54,027,819	Former Civil Courts Building Renovation
104	4	AFM	C2	14,108,565	Mecklenburg County Courthouse-HVAC Controls Replacement
105	4	AFM	C3	7,259,187	Mecklenburg County Courthouse Camera System Upgrade
108	4	AFM	C6	4,296,267	CCOB 4th Floor - Public Defender 4th Floor Expansion
109	2	AFM	G1	263,058,459	Southwest - Community Resource Center
110	3	AFM	G2	222,985,577	East - Community Resource Center
113	N/A	AFM	G5	5,298,737	R22 HVAC Equipment Replacement
116	3	AFM	SO1	124,923,526	Mecklenburg County Sheriff Office-Detention Centers Modernization-Phase I
117	3	AFM	SO2	66,277,049	Mecklenburg County Sheriff Office-Detention Centers Modernization-Phase II
118	4	AFM	SO3	46,867,365	Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Headquarters Relocation to Administrative
				809,102,550	

Recommended AFM Projects



Recommended CPCC Projects

\$107.3M 1 renovation totaling \$27,313,936

Project			Department		
Identifier	District	Department	Rank	Project Cost	Project Name
2	N/A	CPC	1	38,691,565	Levine Campus Public Safety Training Facility - Phase One
3	N/A	CPC	2	36,230,591	Levine Campus Public Safety Training Facility - Phase Two
4	2	CPC	3	5,082,243	Harper Campus Line Worker Training Facility
137	4	CPC	4	27,313,936	Old ATC Renovation
				107,318,334	

Recommended Library Projects

Project			Department		
Identifier	District	Department	Rank	Project Cost	Project Name
120	4	LIB	1	42,000,000	New Main Library/Spirit Square
121	N/A	LIB	2	4,000,000	Thomasboro Library Land Acquisition
122	3	LIB	3	20,222,484	Sugar Creek Community Library (relocation/expansion)
123	2	LIB	4	21,603,142	West Boulevard Community Library (relocation/expansion)
124	2	LIB	5	21,906,130	Nations Ford Community Library
125	4	LIB	6	29,922,587	ImaginOn Library Renovation
128	N/A	LIB	9	3,245,000	Prosperity Village Land Acquisition
131	N/A	LIB	12	3,400,000	Eastland area library Land Acquisition
				146,299,343	•

Recommended Library Projects



2 new facilities totaling \$63,906,130





Next Steps

Incorporate feedback from today into final recommendation

Final CIP review with BOCC prior to budget adoption (May 9th)



BOCC Referendum Actions (next slide)

LGC Approval required

before any bonds can be issued

Referendum Calendar

08/02/2023

Board holds public hearing on the Bond Order; adopts Bond Order; and adopts Resolution setting a Special Bond Referendum

11/07/2023

Referendum is held

11/21/2023

Board adopts Resolution Certifying and Declaring Results of Special Bond Referendum

01/09/2024

LGC approval of Bond Order

06/06/2023

Board adopts Resolution to publish notice of intent to apply to the the LGC and Resolution authorizing the Finance Director to apply to the LGC

07/05/2023

Board introduces Bond Order and adopts the Resolution setting a public hearing on the Bond Order



Comments

Commissioner Griffin asked about the rolling CIP, if they were adding on an additional year. He also asked if they were adding additional GO Bonds (General Obligation Bonds) in terms of referendums or adding a set amount based on the tax rate. *Mr. Boyd said that based on the 10-year model they were looking at, some projects didn't wrap up until 2032 in terms of spending. He stated they were looking at 2029 and determining what were the needs, and what their capacity was to complete projects with PayGO.*

Chair Dunlap asked when they figured there would be another tax increase in Year 5, did they take into consideration that they did the reevaluation every 4 years. *Mr. Boyd stated yes.*

Chair Dunlap asked if they considered that an increase in taxes based on the fund balance policy would generate more dollars. *Mr. Boyd said the plan didn't assume they would use any of fund balance that they currently had to fund the CIP*.

Chair Dunlap mentioned the proposal having \$1 billion in CMS projects and \$1 billion non-CMS projects, 50% installment financing, and 50% PayGO. He asked if that was taken into consideration as they moved out or if it was just for that specific scenario. *Mr. Boyd stated it was for the next five years.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked if the tax increase stayed the same whether the bond is \$2.5 million or not, until 2029. *Mr. Boyd responded yes.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said a lot could change and could it be possible that those scenarios were just forecasts. She asked if they were held to those increases. *Mr. Boyd stated that based on the current assumptions, that was what was necessary to carry out the plan. He said every year they would be able to adjust and recalculate what was different at the time.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked about the 10-year plan, that she didn't see where it was CMS projects or their own identified projects. She asked where the rest of those projects were able to come in and be funded. *Chair Dunlap said every two years there were elections, and a new Board would come in and change previous decisions. He stated it was not likely that tax increases would be reduced because the debt was still there.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said the Board may change, but the community stayed the same, along with the needs. She asked where they showed the public how their needs could be met. She stated they do not plan far enough in advance. County Manager Diorio said she didn't think they would ever catch up. She stated completing a forecast as far as 2031 was aggressive. She stated the farther out the projections were, the less accurate they became.

Commissioner Altman thanked residents and staff. She asked 3 questions:

- 1. If the 2018 Board made a commitment to the community for a pace related to greenway development, and what was the commitment.
- 2. Were there any equity pieces(investments) of greenways that have been removed.
- 3. What had they done to pursue corporate and private collaboration.

Park and Recreation Director Lee Jones said the issue was how quickly they could build with the funding they had. He stated they fell a little short of their goal based on what was already in the CIP, but they did accelerate the greenway program through the support of the Manager's Office.

In response to Commissioner Altman's second question, Mr. Jones said regarding the funding they received over prior years for equity funding, some did include greenway projects. In reference to Irwin Creek Greenway, he said they were trying to move forward and thought they were on pace with completion.

Capital Planning Division Director, Bert Lynn said two segments of Irwin Creek Greenway were on the list. He said they were trying to maximize the amount of mileage they were getting from the amount of investment they were getting. He said there was funding from NCDOT to offset

part of the project and for another portion of the Greenway it would take a few more years for coordination due to having to include a Wastewater Treatment Plan, but also having to go under a rail line.

In response to Commissioner Altman's third question, Mr. Jones said he met with different organizations, and they received gifts and donations towards the greenways. He said regarding Steward Creek, they partnered with the Homeowner's Association to accelerate the development of that greenway.

Chair Dunlap said before Meck Playbook there was a ten-year plan for Park and Recreation. He asked if it was completed. *Mr. Jones said no. He said the 2008 Master Plan was hit hard by the recession between 2008 and 2011, and that caused a five-year slowdown.*

Commissioner Meier asked about the park list and why was the dredging of Park Road Park and Freedom Park "not applicable", and why was it on the list if so. *Mr. Boyd said the 'not applicable' for the dredging was added since they first talked to the Board. He said the \$10 million annual land purchase was added for future land acquisition.*

County Manager Diorio said the dredging was talked about outside of the CIP process and added it to have it funded by the CIP.

Commissioner Meier asked regarding the next CIP for 2025 to 2029, if they would add new projects for 2029. *Mr. Boyd said they would evaluate 2025 to 2028, to determine if there were any changes necessary, and determine what they need to add to the plan.*

Commissioner Meier asked regarding the schedules/tax impacts if there was a tool on the website people could plug in their value and get an estimate of what they're looking at taxwise. *County Manager Diorio stated there was no such a tool.*

Vice Chair Powell said the pace of meeting the needs was slow. She asked if it was realistic to have two CRCs in the CIP, instead of rolling one over to the next CIP. *County Manager Diorio* said the plan was to have five. She said there were two completed and three more to go. She said to meet their goal of having five CRCs in Mecklenburg County, completing them was a priority. She said putting services in the communities had been a goal for a long time.

Vice Chair Powell asked how they could balance it better, because it felt like no one was meeting their plans. *County Manager Diorio said if they wanted to fund something else, they would have to cut something. She said they were balancing the needs across the County.*

Commissioner Leake said she wanted to commend staff and the County Manager. She said the crescent was left out all the time. She said she was concerned with how they were going to come up with a fair share of CRCs across the community that impacted not just one group of people. She asked how they would change the process to make sure they were meeting the needs of all their people.

Commissioner Griffin said that CRCs were one of his priorities. He said they had to figure out a way to address the needs. He said there were a lot of things they could improve on.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked about the capital projects ranking form and rankings by CIP scores if she could be provided with an explanation of how they work. *Mr. Boyd said they were ranked by a different set of criteria. He explained certain questions were asked that determined scoring. He said it wasn't meant to be determinative.*

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked if the Executive Team were the ones that went through them, and how they came up with what was funded and not funded. *Mr. Boyd said they sat with County Manager Diorio and presented the information to them*.

County Manager Diorio said they did not go through each Park and Recreation project but determined where to draw the line. She said there were commitments made to Sheriff McFadden that had to be left on the list. She said they didn't take any projects off the list or bump a project up or down the list. She stated that CRCs were needed not only for the community but for staffing needs as well.

Vice Chair Powell said it was important for the community to know how many projects weren't included.

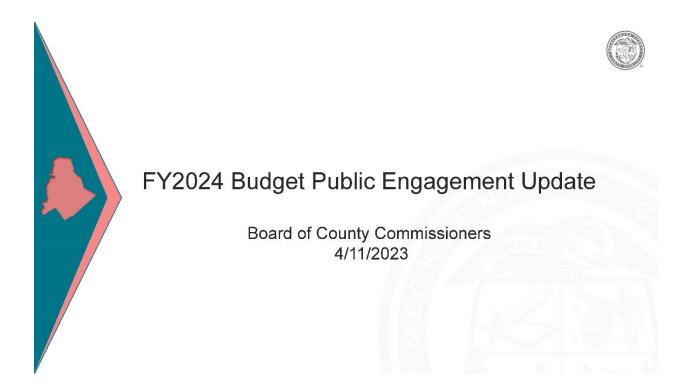
Commissioner Altman said parks and greenways were critical for health. She asked the County Manager to define for the public to understand what CRCs were for, and why just two CRCs were included. County Manager Diorio said that part of it was for staff, but the majority of what they did was for the community to apply and have services where they work and live.

Chair Dunlap said the Board had to look at everything as a County, and not for their own specific interest.

23-0228 FY2024 BUDGET PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The Board received as information a status update on the FY2024 Budget Public Engagement

Adrian Cox, Budget Director, gave the presentation.



FY2024 Public Engagement Strategies

Resident Budget Priority Survey	Community Budget Workshops	Advisory Board Questionnaire
Two Public	Meck Budget	PB Meck Project
Hearings	Simulator	Implementation

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What is successful Budget Public Engagement?

1. Demographic Representation

· Improvement in representation across all strategies

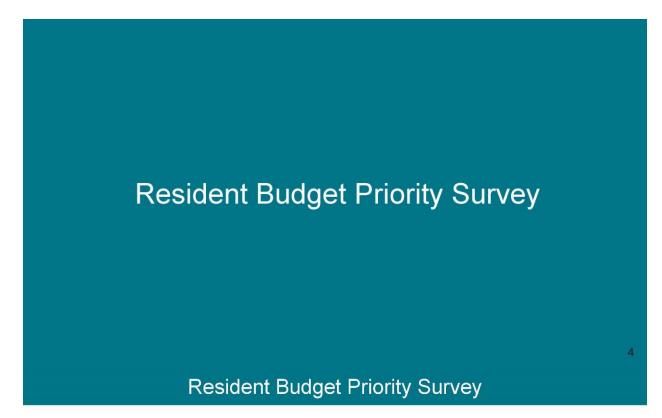
2. Resident Engagement

• Maintain a high number of online survey responses

3. Resident Experience

• Provide both educational and collaborative experiences, incorporating identified improvements in future



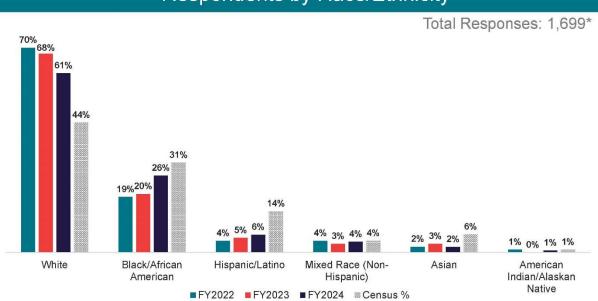


- We promoted the survey for 4 weeks: February 6th March 6th
- After March 6th, we continued to engage in targeted inperson outreach to meet people at the places they were at.
- Events included:
 - Soul Shop (faith-based community mental health workshop)
 - Street teams in Latin American neighborhoods
 - Steele Creek Neighborhood Association
 - African American Heritage Festival
 - Health Community Outreach Teams

FY2024 Marketing Strategies

Advertiser	Tactics
Axios	Promote 7 workshops through newsletter and online. (100k+ subscribers, website: 500k+ unique views/month)
Blue Bite	Targeted geofencing with 1M impressions
Charlotte Observer	Two email blasts with 70K impressions & two 1/4 page printed ads to 48,400 readers
Charlotte Post	Print & digital advertisements and a newsletter (66K readers, predominantly African- American)
Q City Metro	Sponsored feature article written by Queen City Metro (digital media, predominantly African-American), Webinar (incl. host, promotion, Q&A, and recording with 80 views and 10K impressions), & newsletter to 11K subscribers
Que Pasa	Print ad, digital ad, Facebook post (predominantly Hispanic subscribers with 9,500 readers, & 170k Facebook fans)
Norsen Media	Spanish Radio Interview (multiple stations)
County	Digital billboard at 4th Street garage, social campaign, email blasts to 4,000+ residents and community groups
Printed leave-behinds	3x5 cards w/ QR code at high traffic areas and in-person events

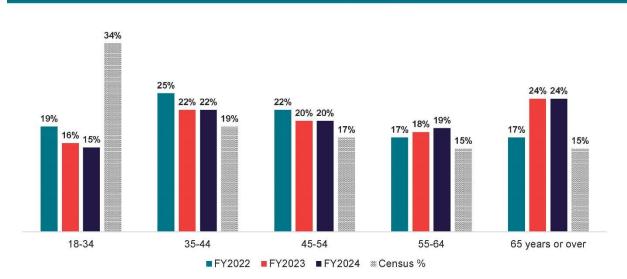
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Respondents by Race/Ethnicity

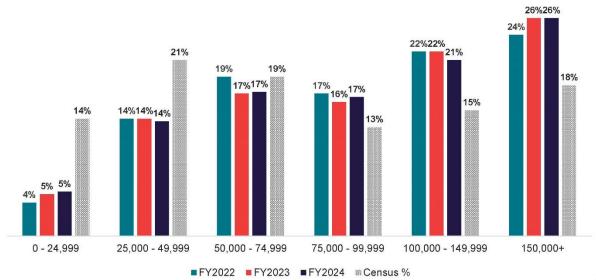
*results exclude respondents who indicated they do not live in Mecklenburg County

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Respondents by Age

Percentages are based on voluntary responses provided by the respondents themselves. Not all respondents answered this question. This is reflective of the percentage of those respondents that provided their age. (*Omitting County population of 17 years and younger.*) 8 NOTE: Results exclude respondents who indicated they do not live in Mecklenburg County



Respondents by Income

NOTE: Results exclude respondents who indicated they do not live in Mecklenburg County

7 Categories Ranking

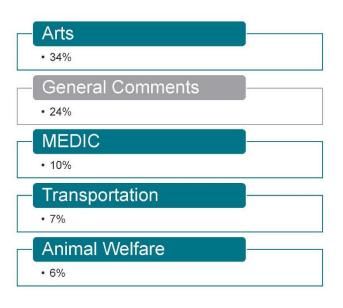
Question: Below are 7 major categories funded in the County Budget. Please "drag & drop" to prioritize the list below. You may add another priority in the "Other" text field and include it in your ranking.

	Year-to-Year C	omparison of Budget Priorit	ies
Ranking	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024*
1	Education & Literacy	Education & Literacy	Education
2	Affordable Housing	Health & Human Services	Health & Human Services
3	Health & Human Services	Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing & Homeless Services
4	Economic Development	Environment	Environmental Stewardship
5	Environment	Recreation	Recreation
6	Criminal Justice	Economic Development	Criminal Justice
7	Recreation	Criminal Justice	Economic Development
8	Other	Other	Other

* Category titles were update for clarity. Additional details were provided that are not shown on this slide.

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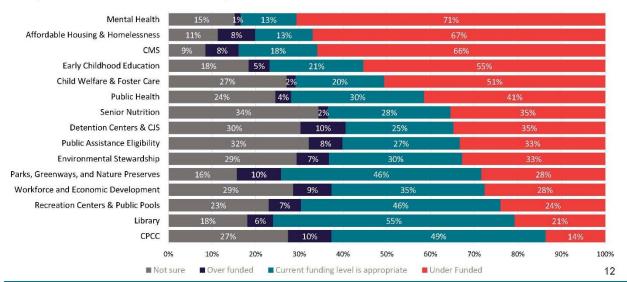
Top 5 Open-Ended Categories



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Funding Perceptions

Question: Listed below are 15 services provided by the County. Based on your initial perception, how do you feel about the level of funding for each service?



BOCC Priority Perceptions

Question: The Board of County Commissioners identified the following priorities to assist with budget decisions. In your opinion, do these priorities reflect the areas of greatest need in the community?

	Yes %	
Early Childhood Development: Expand services that promote healthy early childhood development and education from ages birth to five.	80%	
Educational Attainment: Align allocations to strategies and targets with proven results to improve college and career readiness outcomes for all students.	81%	
Environmental Stewardship: Preserve and protect the County's environmental resources.	77%	
Health Access: Improve access to physical and behavioral healthcare for County residents of all ages and promote healthy behaviors.	87%	_
Housing Insecurity: Reduce the number of residents experiencing homelessness and advance stable affordable housing options for all County residents.	82%	
Racial Disparities: Ensure that investments by the County focus on closing racial and ethnic gaps so that race does not predict one's success, while also improving outcomes for all.	74%	_
Workforce Development: Support initiatives that connect job seekers with employment opportunities.	76%	13

Board Priorities Evaluation by District

	Early Childhood Development	Educational Attainment	Environmental Stewardship	Health Access	Housing Insecurity	Racial Disparities	Workforce Development
District 1	70%	80%	75%	84%	80%	69%	72%
District 2	84%	80%	76%	83%	79%	78%	77%
District 3	86%	82%	72%	89%	84%	78%	80%
District 4	79%	83%	86%	91%	85%	77%	75%
District 5	80%	82%	82%	88%	82%	70%	74%
District 6	78%	81%	76%	88%	79%	68%	75%

Does Priority Reflect Greatest Community Need? Percentage of Respondents That Answered "Yes"

Lowest Response Highest Response

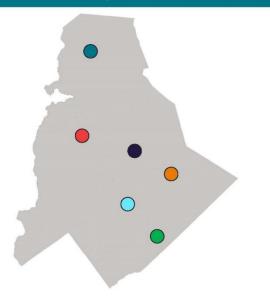
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Community Budget Workshops

Community Budget Workshops

- District 1: North Regional Rec Center (Feb. 8th)
- District 2: West Charlotte Rec Center (Feb. 16th)*
- District 3: Eastway Regional Rec Center (Feb. 22nd)*
- District 4: Hickory Grove Rec Center (Mar. 1st)*
- District 5: Naomi Drennan Recreation Center (Mar. 8th)
- District 6: Matthews Sportsplex (Mar. 15th)
- Online: Zoom Meeting (Mar. 18th)

49 participants were present at the workshops *a Spanish interpreter was available at these events



Community Budget Workshops



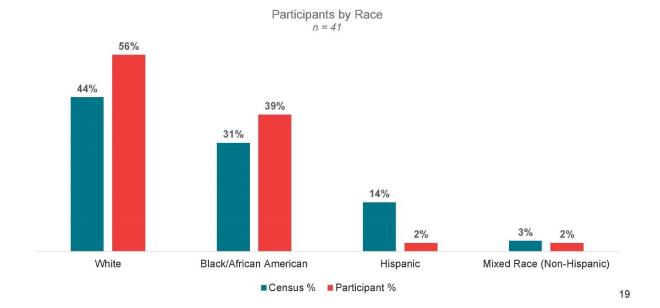
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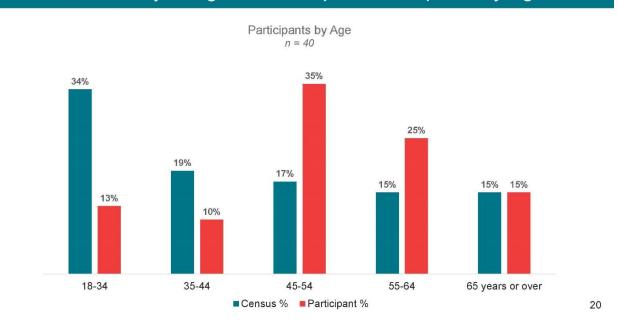
Community Budget Workshops



- Conversations with residents highlighted the complexities of developing a budget
 - Many residents commented that frequently areas of funding are intertwined: prioritizing "addressing core issues" like education and housing
- At all workshops, residents reported having learned new information from the presentation, exercise, and each other
 - Residents noted often that "it changed their perspective" to discuss and learn about the budget 18

Community Budget Workshops - Participants by Race





Community Budget Workshops – Participants by Age

\$100 Budget Blitz Activity

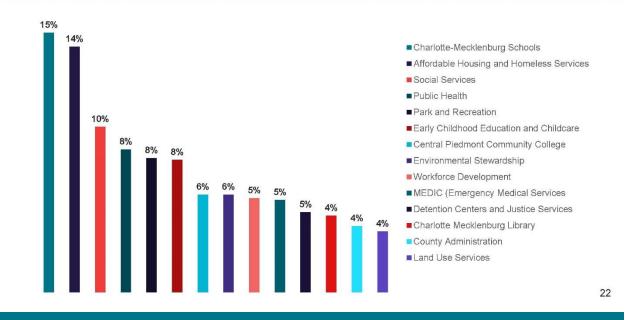
- Participants were presented with 14 County-sponsored categories and were asked to spend \$100 across these categories.
- Participants could spend no more and no less than their \$100 budget.
- It is assumed that the higher the allocation, the higher the priority.

Please enter your funding allocations in the column on the right.

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Affordable Housing and Homeless Services	\$ 0
Central Piedmont Community College	\$ 0
Charlotte Mecklenburg Library	\$ 0
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	\$ 0
County Administration	\$ 0
Detention Centers and Justice Services	\$ 0
Early Childhood Education and Childcare	\$ 0
Environmental Stewardship	\$ 0
Land Use Services	\$ 0
MEDIC (Emergency Medical Services)	\$ 0
Park and Recreation	\$ 0
Public Health	5 0
Social Services	\$ 0
Workforce Development	\$ 0
Total	\$ 0

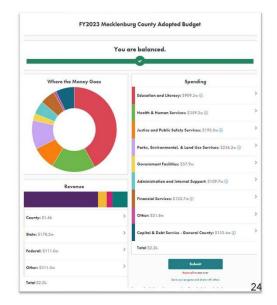
Community Budget Workshops – Countywide Funding Allocations



Budget Simulator

Budget Simulator Activities

- The simulator allows residents to create their own budgets by increasing & decreasing expenses, with the FY2023 budget as the Start Point
- 1,200+ people have viewed the simulator, with 49 budgets submitted
- Budgets primarily increase Education, Parks, and Human Services by increasing property taxes to balance
- Visit budget.mecknc.gov to use the simulator





PB Meck Project Status Update

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Participatory Budgeting Pilot: Project Summary

District	Project Budget	# of Projects
1	\$485,000	8
2	470,000	6
3	460,000	7
4	425,000	5
5	453,000	9
6	475,000	6
	\$2,768,000	41

- Residents voted for 41 projects across the County, allocating \$2.8M or \$3M budgeted
- Departments began implementation in September 2022
- · Funding will be available through project completion



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

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District 1 Projects

Classroom Supplies for District 1 Schools

 The Office of Management & Budget partnered with Classroom Central to distribute 1,323 classroom supply kits to 40 District 1 elementary, middle, and high schools. Supply kits were delivered in February.

North Meck Manufacturing Internships

• The Department of Community Resources is partnering with Lake Norman Economic Development (LNED) to create paid internships in the manufacturing industry for high school seniors at Hopewell, Hough, Lake Norman Charter, and Mallard Creek. LNED is recruiting companies such as Southwire, Burkert, and Keller Technology to participate.

Finance Seminars

 The Department of Community Resources is partnering with Commonwealth Charlotte to provide group financial counseling sessions at Hopewell, Hough, and Mallard Creek High Schools.



District 2 Projects

Home Repairs for Senior Citizens

 The County Manager's Office recently concluded a request for proposals to support the expansion of the Critical Home Repair Program. The work will include repairs and accessibility improvements.

Let's Get LITeracy Expo

- Park & Rec and the Library will be conducting storywalk events at four locations in District 2, utilizing PB funds, locations and dates are below:
 - Clanton Park September 9
 - Tuckaseegee Park September 16
 - West Charlotte Park October 7 (tentative)
 - Winget Park October 14 (tentative)

Big Belly Trash Cans with WiFi

Six (6) Big Belly trash cans ordered and expecting delivery within the next 60 days. PRK will order an additional six (6) trash cans in the near future for a total of twelve (12) trash cans.

District 3 Projects

Home Repairs for Senior Citizens

• Similar to the District 2 project, the County Manager's Office recently concluded a request for proposals to support the expansion of the Critical Home Repair Program. The work will include repairs and accessibility improvements.

Benches for 'Bench Deserts' in District 3 Greenways

• Bench locations have been identified and concrete pads have been installed for the benches. Benches ordered and delivered and will be installed in upon delivery

Little Free Libraries

 Park & Rec have ordered and received 12 Little Free Libraries (LFLs), and will coordinate with the Library on 1-3 potential installation sites, along with park locations during Q4 FY23, with installation of the LFLs by the end of Q2 FY24.

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District 4 Projects

Playground at McAlpine Park

 The equipment is being ordered in Q4 FY2023, for installation by the end of calendar year 2023.

Summer Camp Tuition

• Park & Rec has partnered with Communities in Schools to advertise the availability of free tuition for District 4 students for camps ranging from overnight to 4 weeks.

Grier Heights Park Improvement

 Park & Rec conducted a community meeting for park improvement ideas, with additional comments accepted through April 14th. Amphitheater renovations have been planned, including new electrical service, repairs to seat walls and retaining wall. Renovation to be completed by end of Q2 FY24.

Mason Wallace Park Refresh

 Full court basketball repairs and access trail work are scheduled for completion by the end of FY2023.

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District 5 Projects

Air Pumps on Greenways

· All pumps have been ordered and are in the process of being installed.

Water Bottle Fillers

· Water Bottle Fillers have been received and are being installed now.

Green Corridors/Tree Planting

· Park & Rec will be partnering with Trees Charlotte to plant trees during early FY2024.

Park Safety Systems

• 911 system kiosk design is completed and will be installed by the end of CY2023.

Mural Art

• Park & Rec is partnering with with Charlotte is Creative to design and paint murals on the side of the Marion Diehl Recreation Center. Participants of all ages and abilities will work on the project from design through completion.



District 6 Projects

Park Safety Systems

 Similar to the District 5 project, the 911 system kiosk design is completed and will be installed by the end of CY2023.

Biodiversity in Parks

 Steven's Creek and Flat Branch Nature Preserves will have pollinator areas planted (~8ac) and a formal planted area enhanced at Flat Branch during Q4 of FY23 - Q2 of FY24.

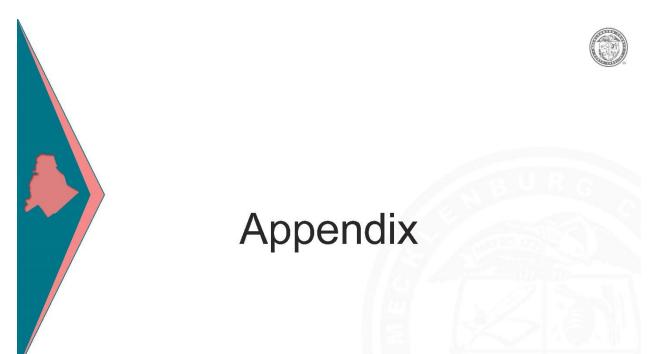
How ART Thou?

 Park & Rec is partnering with Charlotte is Creative to create art along Little Sugaw Creek Greenway between I-485 and Polk Historic Property. Students from Elon Park Elementary and South Charlotte High School will paint manholes throughout the greenway section.

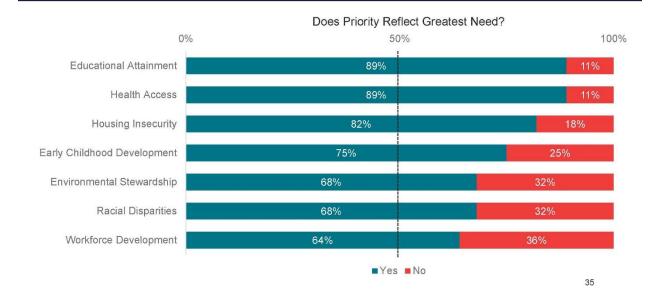
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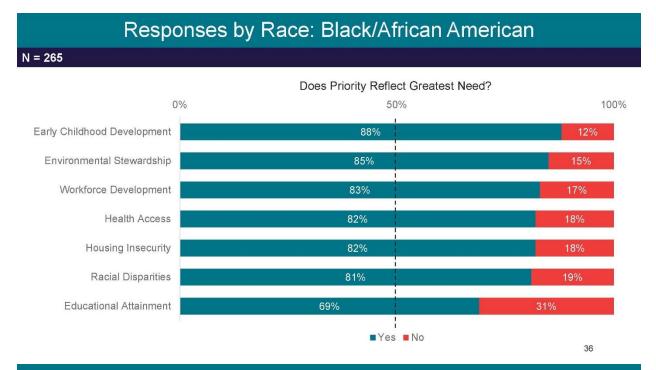


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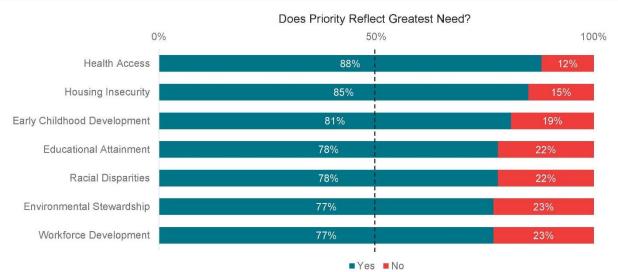
Responses by Race: Asian

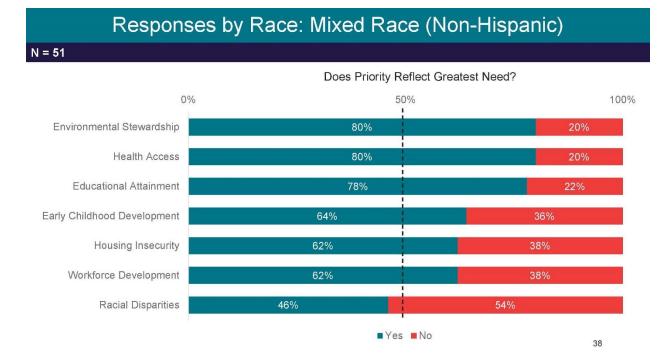




Responses by Race: Hispanic

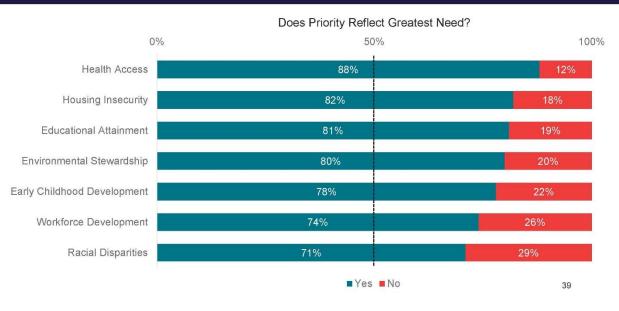
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Responses by Race: White

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Comments

Chair Dunlap said that in the event the bonds didn't pass, he stated he wanted them to have a contingency plan. he asked County Manager Diorio to explain to the public why they had to do a bond referendum for schools and not other things.

County Manager Diorio said the reason they did bond referendums was for transparency to the public and an opportunity for the public to weigh in. She said before 2008, they issued debt for everything. They began to use PAYGO as much as they could for non-school projects and use debt for school projects.

Commissioner Cotham asked Mr. Cox how they reacted to only 49 participants at community events, as it seemed disappointing. *Mr. Cox said it was lower than they liked, and the last time the events were held was before the pandemic. He said they could speculate why the participation was low, but they would have to go back to look at possible reasons.*

Commissioner Cotham asked if they ever looked at other demographics to be more diverse. She said to build more support for the future, they could look at high school seniors. *Mr. Cox stated that they did look into gender, but not orientation. He said the results would be on their dashboards. He said they had done workshops with MPA courses at UNC, as well as with a Microeconomics course at CPCC.*

Commissioner Griffin thanked Mr. Cox and his team.

Chair Dunlap said as the County debated tax rates, the City was doing the same, as well as the other six Towns in the County. He said no matter what they decided, residents could be impacted by what the City and Towns decided as well.

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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

With no further business to come before the Board, Chair Dunlap declared the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Arlissa Eason, Deputy Clerk to the Board

George Dunlap, Chair