



**COLUMBIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Columbia Community Development Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at City Hall (Mayor's Conference Room), 1737 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Columbia, SC 29201. The Honorable Tina N. Herbert called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Tina N. Herbert	Chair	Present
Will Brennan	Member	Present

**PRESENTATION**

2. Update from Home Works of America - Mr. Joe Huggins, Executive Director

Mr. Joe Huggins, Executive Director of Homeworks provided an overview of the organization. He said their mission is to show God's love through serving those in need by repairing homes, assisting in youth development, and empowering communities to care for their own. He shared their four pronged approach: health, affordable housing, workforce development, and sharing of the Gospel. He said they want to extend the lifecycle of homes and to be good stewards of donated dollars. Since 2017, 221 homes have been repaired in the city of Columbia.

There was a discussion about target areas, what an partnership with the city of Columbia would look like, average spending on repairs, utilization of state funds, and expectations with the scope of work.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

3. Columbia Town and Gown Committee - Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Development Services and Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services

Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Development said we have brought back an updated proposal for Town and Gown as well as a draft letter that will be sent to all of the colleges/universities seeking their participation.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services shared the proposal which included the schools and city departments that are scheduled to participate. Neighborhood representatives would apply to serve on boards and commissions, one Collegiate Engagement Council representative would be appointed by the students, and the co-chairs would be the Mayor and a representative of the University of South Carolina. The subcommittees are open to



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those who aren't apart of the main group of representatives. Once the subcommittees are formed, we recommend that they have a strategic planning session in February or March. We also recommend that a group attends the International Town & Gown Association (ITGA) Conference in Maryland in June.

There was a discussion about the planning subcommittee, flagship universities, IGTA membership fees, placement of neighborhood representatives on subcommittees, and the timeline for neighborhood representative information rollout.

Councilor Brennan suggested the addition of a representative from the COMET as an ex-officio member. He also requested an updated neighborhood list, with the most recent presidents and executive board members for each district.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC  
City Clerk