



COLUMBIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia Community Development Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at City Hall (Mayor's Conference Room), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201. The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Tina N. Herbert	Chair	Present
Howard E. Duvall	Member	Present
Will Brennan	Member	Present

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Community Development Month - Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Development – *Received as information*

Ms. Charmaine Clark, Program Manager for Community Development outlined projects and events for Community Development Month. The Columbia Clean Up, in collaboration with CIU will kick off on April 5th. Public Works, Public Relations, and Code Enforcement are coordinating with the Columbia Council of Neighborhoods to identify cleanup areas. Throughout April, Public Works will place two bins in each City Council district, rotating them as needed. On April 20th, a Home Buying and Financial Literacy Workshop will be held at the Busby Street Community Center from 6-8 p.m. The month will conclude with a community improvement project. Mayor Rickenmann will announce how the public can get involved at a press conference on March 30, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Hyatt Park.

Ms. Herbert suggested that Mayor Rickenmann and/or City Council do a video encouraging citizens throughout the city to get involved.

There was discussion about highlighting the 50th anniversary of Community Development in 2024.

2. Community Development Director Update - Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Development – *Received as information*

Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Development said we have received a handful of applications and continue to promote the availability of the Community Development Director position.



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3. Partnership Opportunities with the Columbia Housing Authority - Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Development – *Received as information*

Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Development said we are working with Columbia Housing to pre-approve applicants for homeownership opportunities going forward. We are trying to promote our home loan programs to get as many people pre-approved as possible. The program to build houses is moving forward.

Ms. Marsheika Armstrong, Housing District Manager for the Two Notch Development Corporation reported on recent improvements in processing applications for housing. Following a meeting with Columbia Housing representatives, the process will be streamlined by handling both the TN Development and Columbia Housing applications at their office to prevent delays. With a longstanding housing assistance contract with Columbia Housing, the Two Notch Development Corporation provides housing for homeless individuals at Oak Hill Apartments, requiring vouchers approved by both entities. The new approach aims to expedite processing and facilitate the sharing of criminal background information with consent agreements. Inspections will be conducted as apartments become ready.

Ms. Charmaine Clark, Program Manager for Community Development, reported CCN's meeting last month had a good turnout, but there were issues with forwarding information from the email distribution list. Ms. Walker and I are helping ensure that information reaches neighborhood leaders directly. Mr. Black will also work with the Public Relations Department to improve monthly updates. The Community Development Department assists with disseminating information, attending meetings, and facilitating collaboration on neighborhood events while acting as a liaison, with CCN remaining independent.

There was discussion about the number of vacancies and quantity of units; the surviving corporation/merge of TNDC; and the process for vouchers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk