



**Columbia Community Development Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 10:00 AM**

City Hall • Mayor's Conference Room • 2nd floor

1737 Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201

City Clerk's Office: (803)545-3045 or cityclerk@columbiasc.gov

The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, District I, Chair

The Honorable William Brennan, District III • The Honorable Sam P. Johnson, At-Large

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

1. September 23, 2025 Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee Discussion

2. Mobile Market Update — Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Director / Office of Business Opportunities and Mr. Larry Schneeberger / Toms Creek Mobile Market
3. NeedNoMore Initiative — Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Director / Office of Business Opportunities, and Ms. Svitlana Koval and Mr. Yuri Koval, Co-Founders / NeedNoMore

Adjournment



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Community Development Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at City Hall (Mayor's Conference Room), 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina 229201. The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. and the following members were present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Tina N. Herbert	Chair	Present
Will Brennan	Member	Present
Tyler D. Bailey	Member	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 3, 2025 and August 19, 2025 Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Brennan, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the June 3, 2025 and August 19, 2025 Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

2. Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025- Ms. Felicia Kilgore, Director of Community Development – *Received as information*

Ms. Felicia Kilgore, Director of Community Development presented the department's annual HUD (Department of Urban Housing and Development) report for the final year of the 2024–2025 Consolidated Plan. She reported receiving over \$3 million in CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds, \$700,000 in HOME (Investment Partnership Program funds, and \$1.8 million in HOPWA (Housing Opportunity For Persons with Aids) funds, along with \$18.5 million in congressional mitigation grants supporting the Olympia Fire Station and canal head gate projects. The department leveraged \$5.8 million in federal funds to generate \$11.9 million in additional investment for housing, economic development, and community services. Programs such as Love Your Block, neighborhood sweeps, and housing loans benefited hundreds of residents and 878 citizens received utility assistance through the Customer Assistance Program (CAP) program. She noted the disaster recovery program has been closed out and the annual report will be submitted to HUD by September 29, 2025.



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There was discussion about public notice requirements; funding for the Olympia Fire Station and use of capital improvement dollars; eligibility and use of HOME American Rescue Plan ACT funds for homelessness prevention; and park restroom upgrades.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Brennan, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the submission of the CAPER report.

There was consensus of the committee to present the report to City Council at a Work Session.

3. Update on City-owned, Vacant Residential Lots - Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Felicia Kilgore, Director of Community Development – *Received as information.*

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer provided an update on city-owned residential properties and development activity. A total of 68 residential lots are being tracked through the GIS Department, with maps showing properties across areas such as Five Points, North Main, and Two Notch Road. Several parcels are being used through the City's housing programs in partnership with the TN Development Corporation. There are nine homes nearing completion as part of phase one and plans for additional lots in phase two.

There was discussion about whether any listed parcels were located outside city limits; the status of Ridgewood properties and their ownership history; adding TN Development's phase-one lots to future reports; tracking property activation and development progress through the GIS system; and creating a five-year real estate strategy to guide the use of vacant residential parcels.

4. Establishing a Process to Support State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Projects - Ms. Felicia Kilgore, Director of Community Development – *Received as information.*

Mr. Jeff Palen, Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the City's process for reviewing and supporting affordable and workforce housing developments seeking municipal assistance or letters of support.

Ms. Felicia Kilgore, Director of Community Development explained how developers request City backing for State Low-Income Housing Tax Credit applications and other funding sources.



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There was discussion about creating a clear review process for housing development requests; ensuring City Council's awareness before letters of support are issued; coordinating with state housing deadlines; involving neighborhood associations; addressing low income housing on Bull Street; integrating the process with the loan committee; and setting a funding threshold for Committee notification.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, MMC, CPM
City Clerk



TO: Erika Hammond, City Clerk
FROM: Ayesha Driggers, Office of Business Opportunities Director
DATE: February 9, 2026
SUBJECT: Mobile Market Update

OBO will provide an update for the Toms Creek Mobile Market. The contract for the mobile market ended in January 2026. Currently the mobile market is taking a break during the winter months, due to the decrease in activity. Toms Creek continues to take the mobile market to Soda City market on Saturdays.

Toms Creek will restart the market in May (maybe earlier). At that time, they will identify two (2) set locations and one (1) rotating day.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.



TO: Erika Hammond, City Clerk
FROM: Ayesha Driggers, Office of Business Opportunities Director
DATE: February 9, 2026
SUBJECT: NeedNoMore, Inc.

OBO will introduce a potential pilot program to address food access. NeedNoMore is a civic-technology organization that develops data-driven tools to improve food access and reduce food insecurity. NeedNoMore operates a multi-stakeholder platform that enables real-time information sharing among food pantries, community members, and public agencies. Its services include but are not limited to: live maps of food availability, community-reported food needs, surplus alerts from food pantries, and analytics that help identify gaps in food access across time and geography.

The organization desires to collaborate with the City of Columbia on a time-limited pilot to test the use of NeedNoMore's platform and data analytics tools to support food access and coordination among food pantries serving residents of the City of Columbia.

NeedNoMore will aim to:

- Provide access to the city dashboard on its platform and relevant pilot-level data related to food searches, pantry availability, and surplus alerts within the City of Columbia;
- Share aggregated insights and summaries generated during the pilot;
- Designate a point of contact for coordination with the City of Columbia.

City of Columbia (OBO) will aim to:

- Serve as a liaison to support awareness of the pilot among relevant City departments and community partners;
- Designate a point of contact for coordination with NeedNoMore;
- Use pilot outputs to inform internal understanding of food access needs during the pilot period.
- Support general awareness of the pilot by sharing information about NeedNoMore through appropriate City channels and introductions, including, where appropriate, connections to community organizations, food pantries, and healthcare or social service providers.

The six-month pilot will be provided at no cost to the City of Columbia.

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