



City of Clarksville

Neighborhood and Community Services Committee

September 9, 2024 at 4:30 PM
City Hall in the 4th Floor conference room

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Attendance**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. August 12, 2024
- 4. Department Report**
 - A. CNCS Department Report 24-09
- 5. Committee Action Required (none)**
- 6. New Business (none)**
- 7. Public Comment**

(allows 3 persons; 5 minutes each)
- 8. Adjournment**



NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

August 12, 2024

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Clarksville Neighborhood and Community Services Committee was called to order by Chairperson Shakeenab on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall 4th Floor Conference Room, 1 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councilmembers Shakeenab, McLaughlin, and Streetman

ABSENT: Councilmembers Little and Marquis

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chairperson Shakeenab entertained a motion and second to adopt the July 8, 2024 minutes. Councilperson McLaughlin made a motion. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Streetman. A voice vote was taken: the motion passed without objection.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

The department report was presented by Director Michelle Austin and the following updates were provided:

Home Rehabilitation Program

- Committee invited to attend small gatherings at two newly reconstructed homes for presentation of keys to homeowners.
- 10 rehabilitation projects are in process now.
- 3 project closings this week to include the 2 reconstructions.
- 5 more rehabilitation projects are in line to begin soon.

Affordable Housing

- A housing assessment is being done in partnership with two other local government agencies.
- The agencies are also working together to develop a land bank. A proposal will be presented to city and county mayors for review and then it will come before the committee. City and county owned properties are being looked at for potential land use for affordable housing.

Homeless Partner Collaboration

- Meetings have been held to redevelop the relationship with our Continuum of Care. The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) money received from the State of Tennessee for homeless support gets reported through the Continuum of Care.
- Needs have been identified in our community focusing on seniors and children who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
- Repairs have been made to the roof of the Salvation Army building. Additional repair work was provided by a team from Mt. Carmel of Cincinnati, OH. Salvation Army hopes to reopen in October after completion of on-going repairs.

Long-Term Tornado Recovery Group

- Volunteers from Mt. Carmel also did repair work for tornado-damaged homes. Madison Street United Methodist Church hosted the work crew. Mt. Carmel volunteers finalized 14 of their 19 home projects during their time in Clarksville.
- Hands on Nashville is recruiting volunteers and getting them here to make repairs as needed.

Additionally, the department is working on the CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report). Public hearings will be held for the public to provide input on what the department has accomplished over the past year and what they would like to see accomplished in the upcoming year. Work is also being done on the 5-yr comprehensive plan due in Spring 2025.

COMMITTEE ACTION

There were no items for committee action.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS *(five minutes each)*

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Shakeenab entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Councilperson Streetman. The motion was seconded by Councilperson McLaughlin. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 4:51 p.m.



Council Report September 2024

- The next meeting of the Community and Neighborhood Services Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of City Hall.
- The next Homeless Coalition Meeting will be held on Sept 11 at 2 PM at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Action Agency. Items on the agenda include Youth & Seniors Experiencing homelessness, Centralized Service Provider Registry, Barriers to Services & Sheltering.
- The Clarksville-Montgomery County Long Term Recovery Group will host a VOAD Recruitment Luncheon on Oct 9 at Freedom Point. A community VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) is a coalition of nonprofits, faith-based groups, and other organizations that collaborate to coordinate disaster response and recovery efforts, ensuring effective and efficient assistance to those affected by disasters. Organizations interested in serving on the new community VOAD may contact the Department or Michelle.Austin@cityofclarksville.com.
- The City of Clarksville is partnering with United Way to offer free tax preparation through VITA. VITA stands for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) program provides free tax preparation and electronic filing for low- to moderate-income taxpayers using community partners and volunteers. CNCS is currently recruiting volunteers. No prior tax experience is necessary and training is provided. If you have any special talents that may help VITA, please contact Clarksville Neighborhood & Community Service.
- The Department currently has:
 - 21 Home Rehab Projects in various phases of development, including four reconstructions.
 - 32 Clients in the Rental Assistance Program, Five clients have a pending lease. Five clients are not renewing for the second year.
- Follow Clarksville Neighborhood and Community Services on Facebook for more information on these topics and our other programs.