



City of Clarksville

Neighborhood and Community Services Committee

December 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. November 6, 2024
- 4. Department Report**
 - A. CNCS Department Report 24-12
- 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

November 6, 2024

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Clarksville Neighborhood and Community Services Committee was called to order by Chairperson Shakeenab on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall 4th Floor Conference Room, 1 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councilmembers Shakeenab, Streetman, and McLaughlin

ABSENT: Councilmembers Little and Marquis

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chairperson Shakeenab entertained a motion and second to adopt the October 14, 2024 minutes. Councilperson Streetman made a motion. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Marquis. 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:

1. Michelle Austin informed the committee that an email was sent to all members containing several links pertaining the following:
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) applications, workshops, and timeline.
 - Community Needs Survey and social media post regarding the 2025-2029 Comprehensive Plan.
 - The full version of the Community Housing Assessment.
2. Michelle Austin notified the committee that the department was recently accepted by the Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund as a Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Academy participant. A non-profit host agency will manage this one-on-one financial counseling program.

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 McLaughlin. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Streetman. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:04p.m.



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CNCS Committee Meeting Department Report Links

1 message

Michelle Austin <michelle.austin@cityofclarksville.com>

Wed, Nov 6, 2024 at 4:31 PM

To: Joe Shakeenab <joe.shakeenab@cityofclarksville.com>, Stacey Streetman <stacey.streetman@cityofclarksville.com>, "Deanna M. McLaughlin" <deanna.mclaughlin@cityofclarksville.com>, ambar.marquis@cityofclarksville.com, DaJuan Little <dajuan.little@cityofclarksville.com>
Cc: Crystal Griffith <crystal.griffith@cityofclarksville.com>

Below are links to the information shared at our meeting today.

- CDBG & ESG Grant Applications: Open Tomorrow | Links to applications and workshop schedules may be found on the [CNCS Public Notice Page](#).
 - Full Timeline: [CDBG & ESG Timeline for Sharing.pdf\(41K\)](#)
- Community Needs Survey to shape the 2025-2029 HUD Comprehensive Plan.
 - [Link to Survey](#) (English & Spanish)
 - [Facebook Social Media Post](#) (Please Share)
- Community Housing Assessment Released - [Full Version](#)



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Department Report December 2024

- The next meeting of the Community and Neighborhood Services Committee will be held on Monday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of City Hall.
- CNCS is still seeking volunteers for this Saturday's tree distribution for tornado survivors. The trees are very large and we need as many hands as possible to load 150 trees from 9AM - 11AM at Heritage Park, Dog Park. They are also seeking volunteers to assist in planting trees. If you or your organization would like to help, visit [Clarksvilletn.gov](https://clarksvilletn.gov) to sign up.
- Organizations and residents interested in supporting our community's homeless are invited to a Point-in-Time (PIT) Planning Meeting on Monday, December 18, at 2:00 PM at YAI Pak Outreach. This meeting is essential for preparing the annual PIT count on January 28.

The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a nationwide effort conducted annually to measure the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness on a single night. This count is essential for understanding the scope of homelessness in our community, identifying gaps in services, and informing local, state, and federal funding decisions.

Beyond gathering data, the PIT count is an opportunity to make a direct and positive impact. As volunteers and community members visit encampments and other locations, we not only document the needs of those experiencing homelessness but also provide tangible support. By offering resources such as hygiene kits, warm clothing, food, or information about local services, we can extend dignity, compassion, and practical help to our neighbors in need.

For more information, contact Michelle Austin at CNCS.

- The application period for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program is still ongoing. These federal funds, allocated through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), aim to support community initiatives that enhance the quality of life for low- and moderate-income individuals, address homelessness, and bolster services for those at risk of housing instability.
 - Prospective applicants must submit their proposals by January 13, 2025.
 - CNCS will announce funding awards in March 2025.
 - For questions regarding either grant opportunity, contact CNCS at community@cityofclarksville.com

- In addition to the funding application period, the City invites all Clarksville residents to participate in a public input survey to help shape the 2025-2030 HUD Comprehensive Plan.
 - This plan will outline how the City intends to use its CDBG and HOME entitlement funds over the next five years, addressing community needs and setting priorities for infrastructure, housing, economic development, and social services.
 - The public input survey is available on the [City of Clarksville's website](#) through January 13, 2025. The City encourages all community members to share their insights to ensure the Comprehensive Plan reflects the community's collective vision and needs.
- Follow Clarksville Neighborhood and Community Services on Facebook for more information on these topics and our other programs.