



City of Clarksville

Neighborhood and Community Services Committee

January 13, 2025 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. December 9, 2024
- 4. Committee Action Required (none)**
- 5. New Business**
 - A. Department Orientation - New Council Members
 - i. Department Organization, Mission, Priorities
 - B. Point in Time Training / Overview
 - C. Housing Voucher Strategies
- 6. Department Report**
 - A. CNCS Department Report 25-01
- 7. Public Comment**

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



NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

December 9, 2024

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Clarksville Neighborhood and Community Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Shakeenab on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall 4th Floor Conference Room, 1 Public Square, Clarksville, Tennessee

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councilmen Shakeenab, McLaughlin, and Streetman

ABSENT: Councilmen Little and Marquis

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Chairman Shakeenab entertained a motion and second to adopt the November 6, 2024 minutes. Councilman McLaughlin made a motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Streetman. A voice vote was taken: the motion passed without objection.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

- Dixon Park grand opening ribbon cutting for the playground replacement was held today (December 9, 2024). Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were used for this project as well as for other improvements to this part of the community such as the renovation of L&N Train Station, the resurfacing of the basketball court with new fencing, and a future athletic field.
- Tree distribution for tornado survivors was held December 7, 2024 and was accomplished by volunteers from City departments and Lowe's. Help is still needed for delivering and/or planting trees for those who have requested assistance. Volunteers can reach out to United Way Hands On or send an email to CNCS at community@cityofclarksville.com.
- Michelle Austin and committee members are volunteering to plant a tree for a survivor family on December 15, 2024. An email containing tree planting instructions will be sent to members.

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

Chairman Shakeenab entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Streetman. The motion was seconded by Councilman McLaughlin. The meeting was adjourned without objection at 4:45 p.m.



CNCS
Clarksville Neighborhood & Community Services

Department Report January 2025

- The next meeting of the Community and Neighborhood Services Committee will be held on Monday, January 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of City Hall.
- **The Homeless Coalition's Point-in-Time (PIT) Planning Meeting has been rescheduled to Jan 7, at 2:00 PM at Madison St. UMC.** 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. For more information, contact Michelle Austin at CNCS.
- **Clarksville Neighborhood & Community Services is hosting a vendor fair at the Public Library on Jan 29 at 9:30AM.** It's an effort to build our list of qualified contractors, remove barriers to bidding on our work, and increase our reach to small, minority, and women-owned businesses. The office is primarily looking for contractors who perform roof replacements, HVAC unit replacements, Electrical repairs, Plumbing services, and structural improvements critical to the safety and longevity of homes.
- **The application period for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program closes on January 13.** 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.