Asheville Buncombe Riverfront Commission

Special Meeting | October 30, 2025

AGENDA

9:30 AM CALL TO ORDER by Chairperson Anne Keller

- Establish quorum
- Public Comment Received in Advance

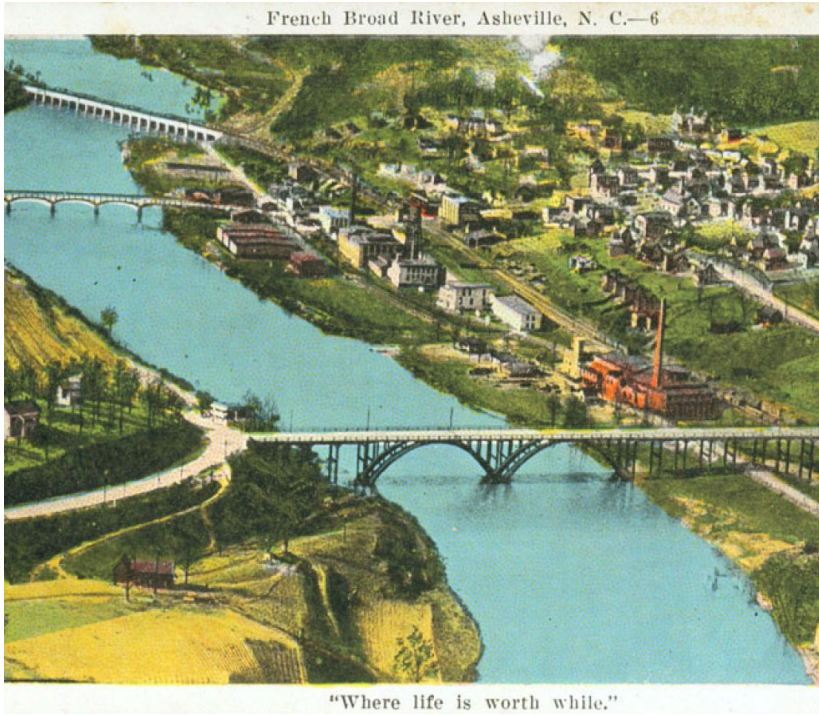
9:35 AM OLD BUSINESS

- NA

9:35 AM NEW BUSINESS

- Commissioner introduction(s) (15 min)
- Review ABRC mission and last years focus - Anne Keller (5 min)
- Recovery Board presentation - Stephanie Dahl (20 min)
    - Resolution establishing four Helene recovery boards
    - ABRC role moving forward
    - Questions

10:15 AM ADJOURNMENT



Call to Order / Welcome / Introductions



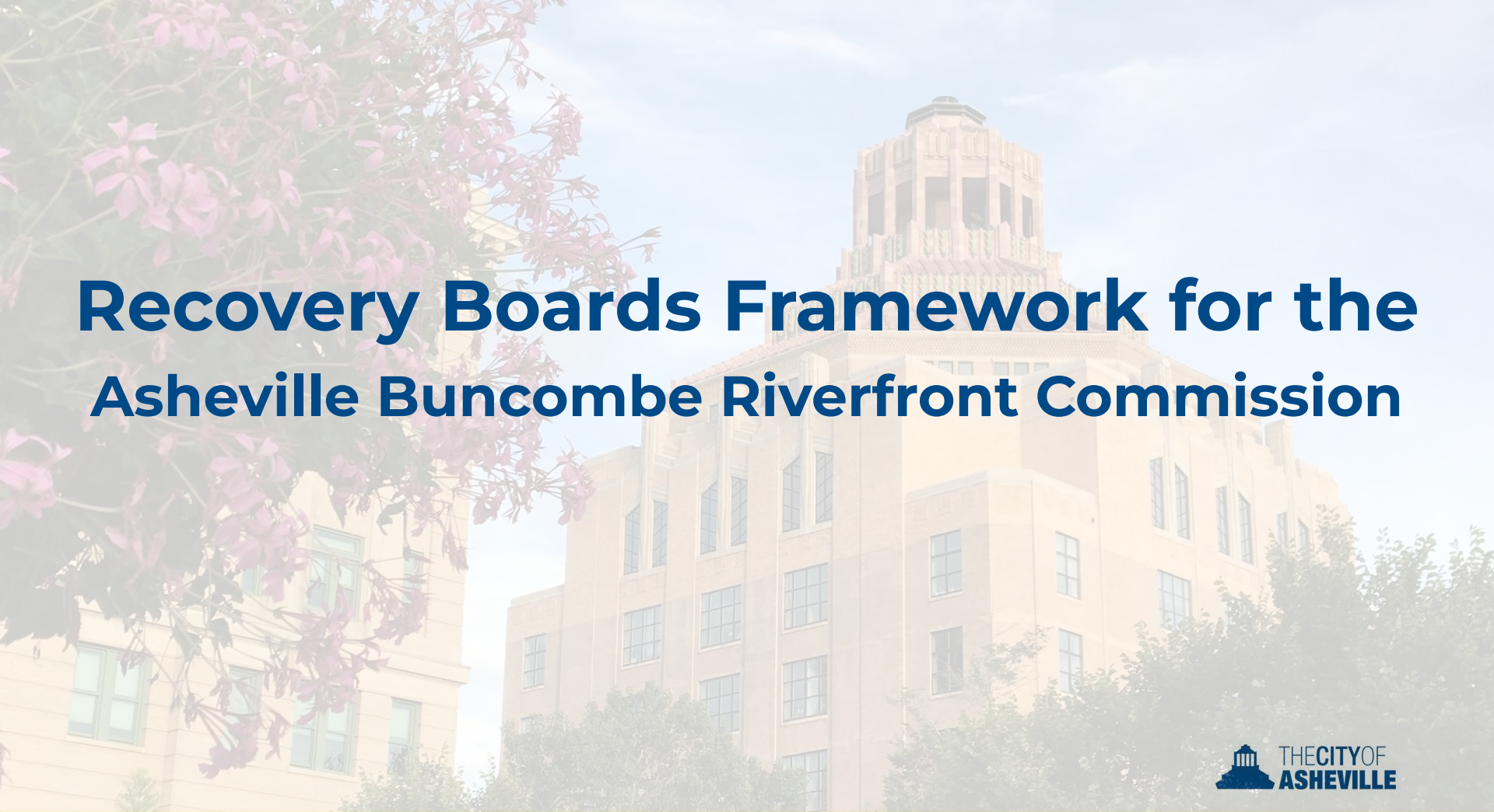
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ABRC Purpose (Bylaws) and Focus

The purpose of the Asheville- Buncombe Riverfront Commission is to carry out the duties and responsibilities prescribed by the Asheville City Council by ordinance as set out in City Code Sec. 2-185.21, and includes: developing, recommending, and monitoring plans and policies for the continued sustainability of the Riverfront and Regional Riverfront districts; recommending effective public resource management and private sector investment in both districts; and cooperating with other organizations and members of the Riverfront and Regional Riverfront communities throughout the County. The principles and values in the Wilma Dykeman Riverway Master Plan shall help guide the commission's work.

Recovery Boards Framework for the

Asheville Buncombe Riverfront Commission



People and the Environment

Housing

Infrastructure

Economy

The City established four temporary Helene Recovery Boards to support recovery efforts from the storm.

- **The Recovery Boards are aligned with Council's Recovery Priorities.**
- **The Recovery Boards** will hold regularly scheduled meetings **until June 30, 2027** based on alignment with city priorities and work plans.
- **Existing advisory boards** will continue to provide expertise, community input, and develop policy recommendations via **as-needed meetings.**
- **Quasi-judicial and technical boards have resumed their regular meeting schedules.**

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Helene Recovery Board Structure

- Each Helene Recovery Board will have no more than 11 members.
- Up to 7 members will be appointed from existing Chairs, Vice Chairs, or their designees of current advisory boards.
- 4-5 members will be appointed by Council from the community at-large
- Work of the four Helene Recovery Boards will be supported by staff.
- Meetings will be streamed online and accessible to the public.
- Recovery Boards will have regularly scheduled meetings.
- Recovery Board work plans will be based on Council Committee assignments and needs.

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Helene Recovery Board Alignment w/ Existing Advisory Boards

Economy

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- African American Heritage Committee
- Asheville Downtown Commission
- A-B Riverfront Commission
- Community Entertainment Facilities Commission
- Noise Advisory Board
- Public Art & Cultural Commission

Housing

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Asheville Downtown Commission
- Human Relations Commission
- Neighborhood Advisory Committee
- Noise Advisory Board

Infrastructure

- A-B Riverfront Commission
- Community Entertainment Facilities Commission
- Multimodal Transportation Commission
- Public Art & Cultural Commission
- Sustainability Advisory Committee
- Urban Forestry Commission

People & Environment

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Housing Recovery Board Scope

- Provides input to City Council on policy recommendations that:
  - advance post-disaster housing stability efforts,
  - support temporary and permanent housing solutions for displaced residents and
  - support the development of strategies to proactively address future displacement events.
- Supports City Council by helping residents navigate post-disaster housing challenges by communicating resources and funding opportunities through each member's respective networks.

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Economy Recovery Board Scope

- Provides input to City Council on policy recommendations that
  - promote post-disaster economic recovery such as rebuilding and revitalizing the local economy,
  - expand local economic resilience and diversification,
  - emphasize land management best practices and the strategic use of both city-owned and newly acquired land to promote placemaking, community vitality, and sustainable long-term growth, and
  - support workforce development programs that build workforce capacity and enhance the local economy by creating a sustainable economic base

Economy Recovery Board Scope Cont.

- Supports City Council by:
  - providing input on ways to expand the city's contractor pool to improve capacity for recovery and future resilience projects.
  - providing input on ways to strengthen outreach to businesses and support for small and underrepresented businesses.
  - helping businesses navigate post-disaster recovery challenges, communicating needed resources and funding opportunities for rebuilding through each member's respective networks.

Infrastructure Recovery Board Scope

- Provides input to City Council on:
  - policy recommendations that promote the strategic rebuild of damaged infrastructure with a focus on long-term resilience,
  - policy recommendations that improve water system resilience, flood management, and stormwater infrastructure to reduce future risks, and
  - recovery plans for the city's parks, greenway and recreation infrastructure, prioritizing identified large projects while also providing input on long-term resilience measures and park enhancements.
- Supports City Council by leveraging potential partnerships and funding programs that promote resilient and sustainable infrastructure investments through each member's respective networks.

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People & Environment Recovery Board Scope

- Provides input to City Council on policy recommendations that:
  - strengthen the city's ability to prepare for and respond to climate-related disasters, and
  - support environmental sustainability and recognize the impact and role of Asheville's natural resources in recovery.
- Supports City Council by consulting existing resources and tools to include known climate vulnerability considerations into policy and programming recommendations

People & Env. Recovery Board Scope Cont.

- Provides input to City Council on ways to support neighborhood-level resilience and preparedness efforts that build community capacity to withstand future challenges.
- Supports City Council by providing input on ways to support residents recovering from disaster impacts while strengthening long-term community resilience.
- Supports City Council by helping residents feel informed, engaged, and connected to recovery resources through each member's respective networks.

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Recovery Boards Next Steps

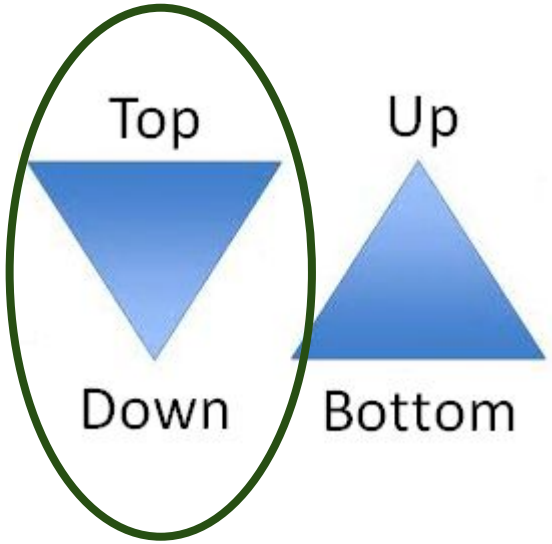
- City Council appointed two members from each committee or commission to a Recovery Board by Sunday, September 28.
  - The assigned Recovery Board seats are reserved for the Chair, Vice Chair, or their designees.
- Current advisory board members could apply for any of the open Recovery Board seats by October 21, or attend Recovery Board meetings, the same as any member of the public.
- The full Recovery Boards were appointed on **Tuesday, October 28** and Boards will hold regularly scheduled meetings until **June 30, 2027**

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Proposed Structure for Existing Advisory Boards

On-Demand: Most of the current advisory boards only meet when assigned a task:

- Council-created advisory boards (13) meet on-demand, when a task is assigned by Council, Council Committee, or Department Directors.
- Advisory boards must get approval from Council or a Council Committee to work on items that are not assigned.
- **Ensures alignment of board work** with **Council priorities** and the **city's organizational work plan**, while balancing limited resources to provide support.

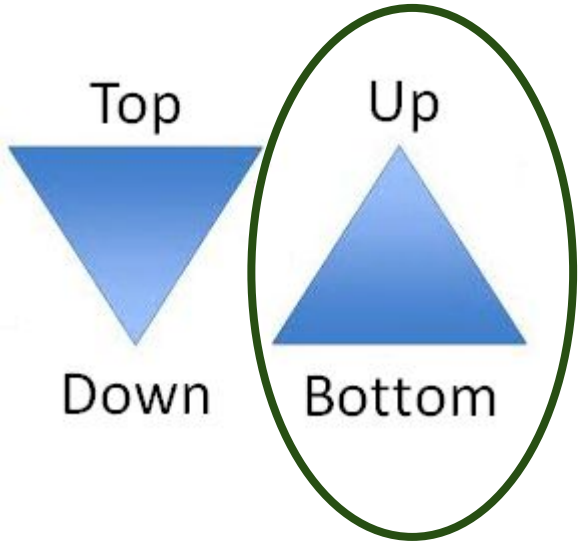


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Avenues for Board Members to Propose New Tasks

Members of boards that are meeting on an as-needed basis have the following pathways to propose new tasks that have not been directed by City Council:

- Ask their board's representative on the Helene Recovery Boards to present the idea to their respective Recovery Board.
- Communicate the idea to a Council Committee.
- Communicate the idea to City Council.
- Ask their board chair to present the idea to the department director who provides support to their board.



Existing Advisory Boards Next Steps

- Advisory boards will conduct meetings when directed by Council, Council Committee, or Department Director.
- Such direction will be accompanied by a specific task, request, or direction upon which the advisory board will confine its work.
- Each task will include a timeline for the directed advisory board to report back to the directing body.
- Upon completion of the task and providing its final report or recommendation, the advisory board will conclude until such time as it receives a new task, request, or direction.

Questions/Discussion

Next Meeting

Advisory Boards will meet on-demand through June 30, 2027, as tasks are assigned by Council, Council Committee, or department directors.

- Additionally, advisory board members may ask their board's representative on the Helene Recovery Boards to present ideas to their respective Recovery Boards. Ideas may also be communicated to Council Committees, City Council, or the department director of the department that provides support to the advisory board.

- All Asheville Buncombe Riverfront Commission meeting information can be found on the Commission's website

- To stay informed on the temporary Helene Recovery Boards, please subscribe to the project page.

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