Helene Economy Recovery Board
July 30, 2026 Agenda

Meeting Details

- Thursday, July 30, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Asheville City Hall, First Floor Conference Room, Hybrid Meeting
- City of Asheville's YouTube Channel

Purpose Statement

The City of Asheville Helene Recovery Boards are established to support City Council's vision of a recovery that is: Rooted in Resilience, Rises in Unity, Repairs with Care, and Ready for Tomorrow. The four boards represent City Council's priority areas of Economy, Housing, Infrastructure, Environment and People. Through collaboration, expertise and insight, each of the four boards will provide critical input on City Council policy recommendations while also extending the City of Asheville's communications through board member networks.

Board Members

Jeffrey Burroughs (Chair), Jessica Tomasin (Vice Chair), Scott Adams, Eva-Michelle Spicer, Anne Keller, John Ellis, Pat Kappes, Cheryl Antoncic Suess, Katie Cornell, Amy Kelly, Alexandria Monque Ravenel

Staff Support

Chris Corl, Director, Community & Regional Entertainment Facilities, Jon Fillman, Community Event Manager, Jannice Ashley, Assistant City Attorney

Agenda Items

Welcome and Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- March 19, 2026 Minutes

Updates/Reports

1. **Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Small Business Support Program (SBSP) Updates**
    A. **Resource:** Charles Savage, CDBG-DR Economic Revitalization Program Lead
    B. **Description:** Updates on CDBG-DR Small Business Support Program
    C. **Action:** Information Sharing
    D. **Materials:**
        - Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Small Business Support Program (SBSP) Updates

New Business

1. **ArtsAVL Arts Recovery Plan**
    A. **Resource:** Katie Cornell, Executive Director, ArtsAVL
    B. **Description:** Brief overview of the Arts Recovery Plan developed by ArtsAVL
    C. **Action:** Information sharing
    D. **Materials:**
        - Asheville-Buncombe Arts Recovery Framework Presentation

2. **Flooded Commercial Corridors update**
    A. **Resource:** Rachel Taylor, Economic Development Division Manager
    B. **Description:** Brief overview of the Flooded Commercial Corridors program and request for initial input from the board.
    C. **Action:** Information sharing & board Input
    D. **Materials:**
        - Revitalization of Flooded Commercial Districts Program: Program Design Presentation

Public Comment

- Any email and voicemail comments submitted by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting are shared with board members in advance.

Informal Discussion/Future Agenda Items

- None at this time.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, September 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Asheville City Hall, First Floor Conference Room, Hybrid Meeting

Adjournment

For more information, please visit the Helene Economy Recovery Board webpage. For questions about the Helene Economy Recovery Board, please email Chris Corl (ccorl@ashevillenc.gov).