People and Environment Recovery Board August 3, 2026 Agenda

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Meeting Details

- Monday, August 3, 2026, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Asheville City Hall, First Floor Conference Room, Hybrid
- City of Asheville’s YouTube Channel
- Rescheduled Meeting (time change)

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

Jack Igelman (Chair), Leah Ferguson (Vice Chair), Alma Atkins, Elizabeth Likis, Christy Hurlburt, Karen MacNeil, Anna Alsobrook, David Greenson, Daniel Leroy, René Treece, Bobby Smith

Staff Support

Kiera Bulan, Sustainability Manager; Dawa Hitch, Director of Communications and Engagement; Alex Smith, Assistant City Clerk; Brad Branham, City Attorney

Order of Business

Welcome and Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

- April 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- June 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Updates/Reports

1. **Update on Previous Board Input (5 minutes)**
    A. **Resource:** Kiera Bulan, Sustainability Manager
    B. **Description:** Provide status update on previous agenda items
    C. **Action:** Information sharing
    D. **Materials:** August 3, 2026 Supplemental Materials

2. **Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) (20 minutes)**
    A. **Resource:** Mindy Morhman, Urban Canopy Works
    B. **Description:** Review of draft UFMP goals and strategies
    C. **Action:** Information sharing and board feedback
        - Review draft guiding principles, goals and strategies, provide input on strategy development:
            1. What's resonating?
            2. What's missing?
            3. Potential synergies we should be aware of?
            4. General comments before we build out Action Steps?
    D. **Materials:** UFMP Draft Goals and Strategies Presentation

3. **Resilience Hubs (25 minutes)**
    A. **Resource:** Kiera Bulan, Sustainability Manager and Bridget Herring, Director of Recovery & Resilience
    B. **Description:** Resilience Hub Mapping Project Findings and Recommendations and CDBG-DR Notice of Funding Opportunity Development Engagement
    C. **Action:** Information sharing and board feedback
        - What are your priorities for supporting hub facilities within the CDBG-DR infrastructure program?
        - What insights do you have in helping us structure the $2.125M funding opportunity such that a variety of organizations can effectively take part?
    D. **Materials:** Resilience Hubs Presentation

New Business

1. **Azalea Park Project Discussion (15 minutes)**
    A. **Resource:** Jack Igelman, People and Environment Board Chair

B. **Description:** Prepare for Azalea Park Project discussion at August 25, 2026 joint meeting with the Infrastructure Recovery Board
C. **Action:** Share questions, concerns, and comments to inform project team presentation at the joint recovery board meeting on August 25th
D. **Materials:** Azalea Parks Project background information

Call to Action

- Biltmore Village Infrastructure Recovery Survey (deadline for responses: 8/11/26)

Public Comment

- 30-minute time limit, 3 minutes per person
- Any email and voicemail comments submitted by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting are shared with board members in advance.
    - Pre-submitted Public Comments

Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Harrah's Cherokee Center (87 Haywood St.), Banquet Hall, Hybrid Meeting
- Monday, October 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at Asheville City Hall (70 Court Plaza), First Floor Conference Room, Hybrid Meeting

Adjournment

For more information on the People and Environment Recovery Board, please visit the People and Environment Recovery Board webpage. For questions about the People and Environment Recovery Board, please email Kiera Bulan (kbulan@ashevillenc.gov).

Supplemental Materials

- August 3, 2026 Supplemental Materials