Infrastructure and People and Environment Recovery Boards June 23, 2026 Agenda

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Meeting Details

- Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Banquet Hall of Harrah’s Cherokee Center (87 Haywood Street)
- 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.

Infrastructure Board Members

Tim Ormond (Chair), Charlie Huguenard (Vice Chair), Kate Ancaya, Kenny Armstrong, Joe Balcken, Marty Benson, AJ Hardie, Shuvonda Harper, Michael Holcombe, David Nutter, John Pierce

People and Environment Board Members

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

Staff Support

D. Tyrell McGirt, Parks and Recreation Director; Christy Bass, Resource Division Manager; Brad Branham, City Attorney; Kiera Bulan, Interim Sustainability Director; Dawa Hitch, Director of Communications and Engagement; Alex Smith, Assistant City Clerk

Agenda Items

Welcome and Roll Call

New Business

1. **French Broad River Park Project (10:10 - 10:55 a.m.) - Joint board discussion**
    A. **Resource:** Sasaki Consultants
    B. **Description:** Project update and review of draft design concept
    C. **Action:** Information sharing and board feedback
    D. **Materials:** French Broad Riverfront Parks Recovery Presentation

2. **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR) - Disaster Recovery Round Two Planning Allocations (11:00 - 11:15 a.m.) - People and Economy Recovery Board discussion**
    A. **Resource:** Jaime Matthews, Assistant to the City Manager and Deputy Recovery Coordinator
    B. **Description:** Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) - Round Two Planning Allocation presentation and discussion
    C. **Action:** Information sharing and board feedback
        - What outcomes or community benefits would you expect this strategic planning process to deliver in order for you to view this investment as successful?
    D. **Materials:** CDBG-DR Planning Round Two - Strategic Plan Presentation; CDBG-DR Round 2 Projects Overview

3. **Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Substantial Amendment (11:20 - 11:50 a.m.) - Infrastructure Recovery Board discussion**
    A. **Resource:** Bridget Herring, City of Asheville Recovery Coordinator
    B. **Description:** Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) - Substantial Action Plan Amendment presentation and vote
    C. **Action:** Motion to support staff's recommendation to reallocate $10 million from the Infrastructure Program to the Single Family Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Program.
    D. **Materials:** Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) - Substantial Action Plan Amendment

Call to Action

- **People and Environment Board:** Watch or attend the Urban Forestry Commission special meeting on June 25, 2026

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.

Next Meeting:

- **People and Environment Recovery Board:** Monday, August 3, 2026, TBD - Asheville City Hall, First Floor Conference Room, Hybrid Meeting
- **Infrastructure Recovery Board:** Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm - Asheville City Hall, First Floor Conference Room, Hybrid Meeting

** An additional Special Joint Meeting may be scheduled for the Infrastructure and People and Environment Recovery Boards to review the Azalea Park Project designs as they are available.

Adjournment

For more information about these boards, please visit the Infrastructure Recovery Board's webpage or the People and Environment Recovery Board's webpage. For questions about the Infrastructure Recovery Board, please email D. Tyrell McGirt at dtmcgirt@ashevillenc.gov. For questions about the People and Environment Recovery Board, please email Kiera Bulan (kbulan@ashevillenc.gov).

Supplemental Materials

- Supplemental Materials for June 23, 2026 Joint Meeting