Initial Recovery Board Agenda Items

Economic Recovery Board

November 4, 2025

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Key Takeaways

- City Council established four priority recovery areas that will serve as the foundation for developing work plans and allocating recovery resources.
- Council Committee scopes and work plans are informed by City Council's Annual Recovery Priorities and Goals.
- Committee Work Plans include a combination of ongoing/administrative items along with policy considerations that include specific assignments for Advisory Boards and other Committees.
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City Council Priority Recovery Areas



People



Housing



Infrastructure and Environment



Economy

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People & 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 on **an as needed basis.**

Helene Recovery Boards Mission

The City of Asheville Helene Recovery Boards were 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.

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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.
  - Support workforce development programs that build workforce capacity and enhance the local economy by creating a sustainable economic base.

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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.

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ERB Anticipated Agenda Items

- **First Meeting Agenda (11/20/25): Educate & inform**
  - **CDBG-DR '101'**
    - Educate board members on CDBG-DR opportunities and restrictions
  - **CDBG-DR Small Business Grants Update**
    - Small Business NOFO
    - Ambassador opportunity
  - **Quarterly Data Report**
    - Mirrored information sharing from PEDE

ERB Anticipated Agenda Items

- **Second Meeting Agenda (1/15/26): Educate & inform**
  - **EDC 5x5 Plan**
    - Review and inform the EDC's 5x5 plan & strategies
  - **Arts & Entertainment Facility**
    - Review of Community Engagement plan
    - Seek input & support
  - **ULI Advisory Panel Implementation Plan - or**
  - **Flooded Commercial Districts**

Review Recent Council Committee Meetings - PEDE

- **Review recent Planning, Economic Development & Environment (PEDE) Committee documents & discussions**
- **Watch / Listen - October PEDE meeting**
- **Watch / Listen - September PEDE meeting**

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