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Rosenwald Community Advisory Board

Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 6:00pm
Mary C. Jenkins Community Center

Members Present:	Randy Lytle, Co-Chair, MCJCC Board Member Gary Daniel, Council Member Edith Darity, MCJCC Board Member Karen Darity, MCJCC Board Appointment Ella Jones, Citizen Member
Members Absent:	Pamela Holder, Co-Chair, Council Member Victor Foster, MCJCC Board Appointment Morgan Monshaugen, Citizen Member Mayor Maureen Copelof, Ex-Officio
Staff Present:	Wilson Hooper, City Manager Shawnee Cummings, Assistant to the City Manager
Guests:	David White, Anna Williams, Robert Hooper, Khaled Khiyar, Hannah Bowers

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Board Co-Chair Randy Lytle called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

B. Invocation

Ms. Jones offered an invocation.

C. Certification of Quorum

Assistant to the City Manager, Shawnee Cummings, certified that a quorum was present.

D. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Ms. Jones to approve the agenda as presented.

E. Approval of Minutes – November 20, 2025

Mr. Daniel moved, seconded by Ms. Karen Darity to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2025 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

F. WNC Source Update

Anna Williams spoke about the importance of early childhood education and the Hillview Children's Center's programs, including Head Start for ages 3-5 years old and Early Head Start for ages 6 weeks-3 years old. As the recruiter for WNC Source, Ms. Williams spoke about the center's staffing difficulties since COVID-19 and the various employment opportunities available, including paid internships, part-time, and full-time positions. The Hillview Children's Center is seeking multiple pre-school teachers, teacher's assistants, and interns for all the age groups they serve. Ms. Williams further discussed educational requirements, in-house training, support to employees pursuing further education, advancement opportunities, and the various benefits. Khaled Khiyar noted that with one of Hillview Children's Center's classrooms closed due to staffing difficulties, there is an urgency to spread the word, expand the search, and support the needs of the community.

Robert Hooper, Housing Director for WNC Source, discussed their plans to build up to 128 units, with 26 units proposed as an expansion upon the English Hills neighborhood and 102 units in the Hillview neighborhood. The apartments are planned to be traditional 2- to 3-story apartment buildings, with a percentage of the units being income-based and the remaining being mixed income. R. Hooper explained that they are looking at the option of having retail businesses on the ground floor of the apartment complex, such as coffee shops, stores, or a small gym, that would be open to all members of the community. R. Hooper stated that WNC Source wanted to get the Committee's opinion on the concept and whether it would be desired. David White also added that any profit made from the market-rate apartments will be reinvested into the community to allow for more subsidized housing. There were questions and comments related to workforce housing, opportunities for local businesses, security concerns with high foot traffic around retail spaces, conditional zoning, and additional opportunities for community input.

G. Introduction of Police Chief Christy Wentzell

City Manager Wilson Hooper introduced the City of Brevard's new Police Chief, Christy Wentzell, and gave background on her experience and qualifications. Chief Wentzell shared her community-centered approach to law enforcement and the focus she places on working with communities to ensure their needs and expectations are met. Chief Wentzell further discussed how she plans to work in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office, expand the programs that the police department currently offers, and ensure consistent and open communication to build relationships with the community. In response to questions and comments, Chief Wentzell highlighted the need for intentional programming to engage and educate youth, such as cadet programs, summer camps, self-defense classes, and courses that inform youth about law enforcement.

H. Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center.

I. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Minutes Approved: May 21, 2026

X Pamela Holder

Pamela Holder, Co-Chair, City Council Member
Randy Lytle, Co-Chair, MCJCC Member

X Shawnee A. Cummings

Shawnee Cummings
Assistant to the City Manager