

Board of County Commissioner's Topics of Interest





Arts, Education, and the Environment

- **Arts & Science Council**
- **CMS Education Funding**
- **Mt. Island Marine Commission**
- **Science Education**



Arts Funding

Submitted by: Chairman Dunlap and Commissioner Harden & Commissioner Rodriquez-McDowell

Question: Provide an update on the ASC's future funding needs and plan of action following the failure of the ¼ cents sales tax option.

Response: This item will be discussed at the Board Retreat.



CMS Education Funding

Submitted by: Commissioner Harden

Question: Provide a status update on the funds provided by the County.

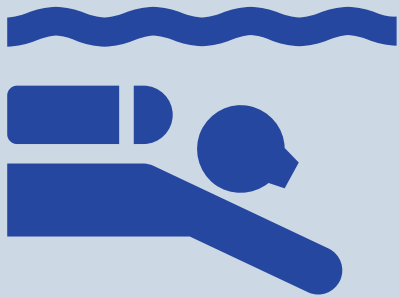
Response: Refer to the written response.

Mt. Island Marine Commission

Submitted by: Vice Chair Powell

Question: Identify the estimated funding needed to support the Mt. Island Marine Commission if there was a decision to reestablish it.

Response: It was last funded in FY14 in the amount of \$23K. In the FY20 budget, Lake Norman Marine Commission and Lake Wylie Marine Commission were funded at \$31K and \$25K respectively. If it was reinstated, the funding for Mt. Island Lake Commission in FY21 cost would be expected to be similar to the existing Commissions. Refer to written response for more details.





Science Education

Submitted by: Vice Chair Powell

Question: Provide a summary of funding in the operating budget dedicated to science education.

Response: \$5.3M in County funding for science education is in Park & Recreation and the Public Library operating budgets. This excludes County funding provided to CMS & the ASC that funds Science programs.



Economic Development

- **Small Business**
- **Transit**
- **Workforce Development**

Small Business

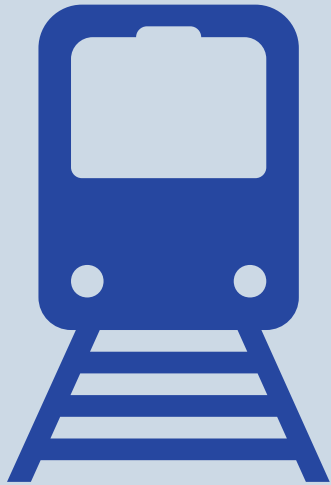
Submitted by: Vice Chair Powell & Commissioner Jerrell

Question: What can be done to provide more support to small businesses?

Response: An update will be provided at the Board retreat.



Transit



Submitted by: Commissioner Harden

Question: What should the Commissioners know about transit to prepare us for understanding the funding model? Commissioner Harden anticipates that the Board will be asked to support a special sales tax to fund transit.

Response: CATS Director John Lewis will present the 2030 Transit Plan to the Board at the February 11th Public Policy Workshop.

Workforce Development Partnerships in Healthcare

Submitted by: Commissioner Jerrell



Question: Explore the possibility of establishing partnerships with the two major healthcare organizations to provide workforce development/employment opportunities.

Response: Refer to the written response for details regarding the County's workforce strategy.



Homelessness Services

- **Shelters**
- **Safe Parking**



Emergency Shelters

Submitted by: Vice Chair Powell and Commissioners Jerrell & Rodriguez-McDowell

Question: Provide a summary of the decision process/criteria for opening the shelters.

Response: Refer to the written response for details regarding the criteria for opening the shelters and other relevant information.



Restrooms for the Homeless

Submitted by: Commissioner Cotham

Question: Explore restroom options for the homeless populations. In particular, there will be fewer options once construction begins on the new main library.

Response: Refer to the written response to learn more about the restroom options available for this population, in addition to how other communities are responding to this problem.

Safe Parking for the Homeless

Submitted by: Commissioner Jerrell

Question: Explore the implementation of a safe parking program for the homeless.

Response: Refer to the written response.





Human Capital

- **Code Enforcement**
- **Energy Manager**
- **LivableMeck**
- **Livable Wage Compensation**

Code Enforcement

Submitted by: Vice Chair Powell



Question: Assess the need for adding more code enforcement positions to facilitate engineering judgements

Response: Refer to the written response which provides context regarding how Code Enforcement monitors the business need for new resources and the Human Resources Department standard operating procedures for filling vacancies.



Environmental Energy Manager

**Submitted by: Vice Chair Powell, Commissioners
Harden & Rodriguez-McDowell**

**Question: Create a position to oversee energy
audits & lead sustainability efforts.**

Response: Refer to the written response.



Livable Meck

Submitted by: Vice Chair Powell

Question: Explore the need to increase staffing levels to enhance community engagement.

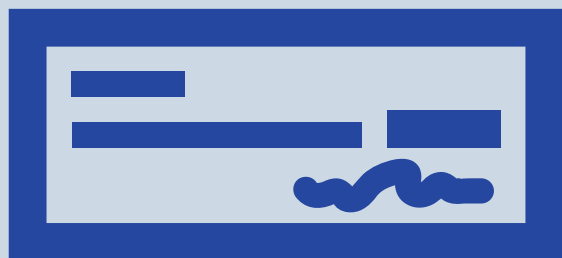
Response: It is a normal practice that department heads evaluate their resource needs and discuss it with the Executive Team.

Livable Wage

Submitted by: Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell

Question: Design a multi-phase plan towards a livable wage.

Response: Refer to the written response that makes reference to the County's efforts to modernize our classification and compensation structure across all position classes.





Land Acquisition & Master Plan

- **Greenways**
- **Parks**
- **Public Library**

Greenway Master Plan

Submitted by: Commissioners Jerrell & Rodriguez-McDowell

Question: Explain the plan for funding land acquisition needs as determined by the new master plan. Be certain to include community engagement in E. Charlotte to validate needs.

Response: Refer to the written response.



Greenway Master Plan

Submitted by: Commissioner Jerrell

Question: Provide an update on the greenway master plan. Highlight the connection in East Charlotte.

Response: Refer to the written response.



Land Acquisition

**Submitted by: Vice Chair Powell and
Commissioner Jerrell**

**Question: Provide an update on all land
purchases.**

**Response: Refer to the written response that
provides an update on all land acquisitions.**





Policy & Procedures

- **Grants for grassroots nonprofits**
- **Inequities & Racism**



Grants for grassroots nonprofits

Submitted by: Commissioner Jerrell

Question: Consider restructuring the current funding framework that has a balance of being fiscally responsible & good stewards of tax funds so that the “boots on the grounds” grassroots organizations can receive grants in the amounts of \$20-\$25k.

Response: Refer to the written response.



Dismantling Systemic & Institutional Structures Contributing to Inequity & Racism

Submitted by: Commissioner Jerrell

Action: Commissioner Jerrell will follow up with a definitive “ask” for staff.

Racial Disparities

Submitted by: Commissioner Harden

Question: Provide an update on our strategies to eliminate racial disparities.

Response: An update on the County's strategy to address racial disparities will be provided at the March 10th public policy workshop





Property Tax Relief

- **Gentrification**
- **Senior Homes**

Gentrification

Submitted by: Commissioner Jerrell

Question: Explore the feasibility of participating in the City of Charlotte's Aging-in-Place program or designing a program of our own.

Response: Refer to written response.



Property Tax Relief for Seniors

Submitted by: Commissioner Harden

Question: How can we provide more tax relief for seniors?

Response: Refer to the written response, which includes a reference to a recent blog posted by the UNC School of Government regarding this topic.





Public Engagement

- **Advisory Boards**

Advisory Boards

Submitted by: Vice Chair Powell



Question: Design a framework that enhances the engagement of the Board's advisory committees.

Response: Refer to the written response prepared by the Clerk which includes a reference to a report that summarizes an Advisory Board engagement project completed by the City of Raleigh.



Domestic Advisory Board

Submitted by: Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell

Question: This advisory board has identified affordable housing as their priority. Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell would like for this to be factored as part of the Recommended Budget.

Response: Refer to the written response that highlights several initiatives that respond to this need.



Public Health

- **Behavioral Health**
- **Child Fatality Prevention Plan**



Behavioral Health

Submitted by: Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell

Question: Would like a community wide assessment completed that identifies the gaps in providing mental health services to our residents.

Response: Refer to the written response.

Child Fatality Prevention & Protection Team Prevention Plan

Submitted by: Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell



Question: Consider funding a UNC- Charlotte's plan that prevent child fatalities, such as teen suicide or deaths resulting from unsafe sleep practices.

Response: This item will be factored during the budget cycle.

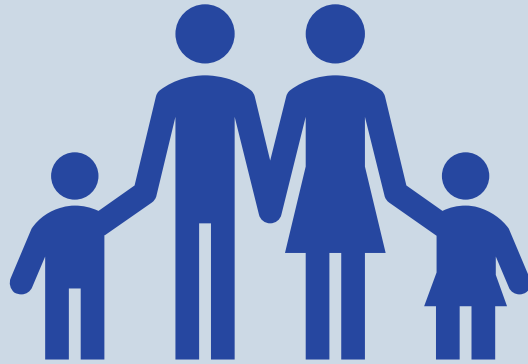


Public Safety

- **Family Justice Center**
- **Gun Violence**
- **Homicides**
- **Human Trafficking**
- **Magistrate**
- **Volunteer Fire Services District**

Family Justice Center

Submitted by: Vice Chair Powell & Commissioner Rodriquez-McDowell



Question: Provide an update on the Family Justice Center initiative.

Response: This matter was brought before the Board at the December 10th public policy workshop. Refer to the written response for more details.

Gun Violence

Submitted by: Commissioners Harden and Rodriguez-McDowell

Question: Fund efforts and strategies to reduce gun violence that are within the County's scope.

Response: Refer to the written response.



Homicides

Submitted by: Commissioner Cotham

Question: What can the County do to assist with reducing the homicide rate?

Response: Refer to the written response.

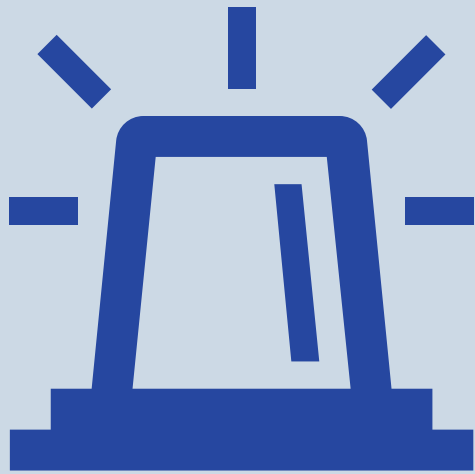


Human Trafficking

Submitted by: Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell

Question: Increase efforts to eliminate human trafficking as we approach the RNC.

Response: Refer to the written response which lists several organizations in the area that combat human trafficking.





Magistrate

Submitted by: Commissioner Harden

Question: Provide an update on adding a Magistrate to the northern part of the County. What is the County's funding relationship with the Magistrate's Office, including facility maintenance.

Response: Refer to the written response.



Volunteer Fire Department

Submitted by: Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell

Question: Provide an overview of the Board's responsibilities for fire protection services in the ETJ and how it is funded.

Response: This matter was brought before the Board at the January 14th public policy workshop.



Senior Services

- **Home Repair**
- **Senior Nutrition**

Senior Homes

Submitted by: Commissioner Leake

Question: How much is available in the housing fund to renovate senior homes. Should it be increased in FY2021?

Response: Refer to the written response which includes a status update on the current senior homes renovation project.



Senior Nutrition Food Box Delivery

Submitted by: Commissioner Harden



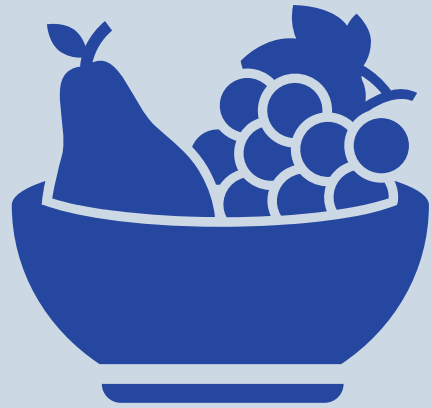
Question: Explore options to expand the senior nutrition food box delivery program.

Response: Refer to the written response which summarizes a partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina.



Service Delivery

- **Food Deserts**
- **Park & Recreation Fees**
- **Public Library**



Food Deserts

Submitted by: Vice Chair Powell, Commissioner Leake, and Commissioner Jerrell

Question: What steps can the County take to increase health food options? What can the County do to eliminate food deserts.

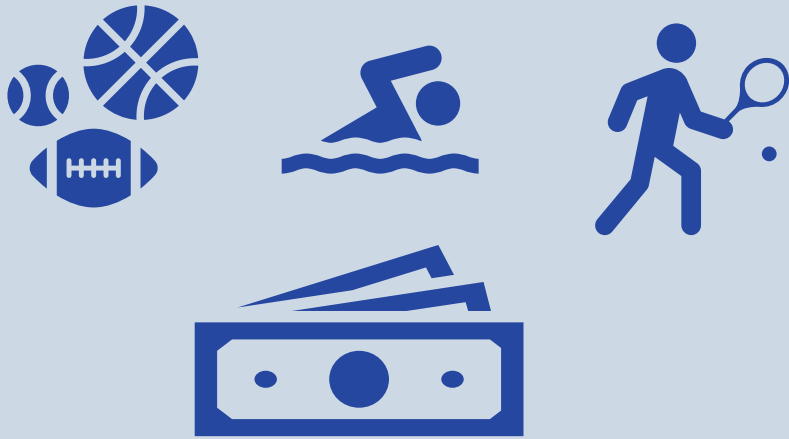
Response: This matter will be brought before the Board during the retreat.

Park & Recreation Fees

Submitted by: Commissioner Harden

Question: What is the impact if fees were waived for seniors or persons with disabilities?

Response: Refer to the written response which highlights the Park & Recreation department's scholarship program.



Public Library Deserts

Submitted by: Commissioners Harden & Jerrell



Question: What is the plan to respond to the growing need for library services throughout the County?

Response: Refer to the written response which highlights the Public Library's short and long term strategies for expanding access to Library services.

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