

Five Points Citizens Advisory Council

Events Calendar

Downtown Raleigh Amphitheater Open House
Friday, June 4, 5:00 – 11:00 PM

Fletcher Park Concert Series Begins
Sunday, June 6, 6:00 PM
More information [here](#).

Capital Boulevard Corridor Workshop
Thursday, June 24, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Bobby Murray Chevrolet Showroom
1820 Capital Boulevard
Light refreshments will be served.

Initial Public Hearing for Zoning Cases
Tuesday, July 20 at 6:30 PM
City Council Chamber, 222 W Hargett St
Televised live on **RTN11**
A joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission. All cases are automatically referred to the Planning Commission. Click [here](#) to view the agenda. Currently, there are no rezoning cases listed for the Five Points CAC.

Raleigh Wide Open 5 Celebration
Saturday, July 31, 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM

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Edie Jeffreys, Five Points East
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City of Raleigh Information

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Community Services Department: 996-6100

Police Emergency Response: 911

Special Announcements

Open House + Regular Meeting *Lite Italian Buffet* Details Below

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 9, 2010
5:30 – 9:00 PM
Garris Building in Fred Fletcher Park
820 Clay Street
([view map](#))

Open House 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Be Informed...Be Heard! That's the best way we can keep our community a great place to live. This open house will help you become more informed and give you the opportunity to provide feedback about important projects in the City and our community. Please let your neighbors know about this event.

For your convenience, a lite Italian buffet will be served to get you through the evening.

Unified Development Ordinance. Nearly 3 ½ years ago, the City of Raleigh launched a major project to update the City's comprehensive plan and development regulations. Last October, the City Council approved the 2030 Comprehensive Plan, a document that provides a vision and policies for future growth and development in Raleigh. Now work has begun on the updating of the City's development regulations, the actual laws that will guide future development. It has been labeled the Unified Development Ordinance.

Raleigh Union Station. Raleigh and the Triangle lack a good transit system, but many people are working hard to change this. The City has just released a draft report for a new multi-modal transit station in downtown Raleigh. Come view the preliminary plans and give your feedback on this important City project.

Raleigh Senior Center. America is ageing and Raleigh is preparing for it. Come view the final plans for this unique 20,000 square foot facility that will be built near the intersection of Whitaker Mill and Pine. Construction will begin this fall. This center is designed for all adults that want to age well.

Raleigh Community Services Department. Interested in learning more about how our City's government works, or how you can get funding for a neighborhood project? Then you need to talk to the staff from the Community Services Department.

Police Normal Response: 831-6311
Police Information for Southwest District: 996-6167
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Graffiti Hotline: 996-6001 or graffiti@ci.raleigh.nc.us
Crime Map: click [here](#)

Housing and Environmental Nuisance: 807-5110 -- grass over 8 inches tall, trash in yard, inoperable vehicles, more than one unlicensed vehicle on property, downed trees, unsafe housing conditions

Zoning Nuisance: 516-2547 -- five or more unrelated people in a residence, driveways larger than 40% of front yard, illegal signs, construction without permit

Nuisance Party: 911 -- loud noise after 11 PM, public urination

Trash Can Violations: 996-6890 -- trash containers not removed from curb and stored

Illegally Parked Cars: 911 -- on sidewalk or in right-of-way

Clogged Storm Drain: 996-6446

Street Light or Power Outage: 508-5400 (Progress Energy)

Web Site: www.raleighnc.gov

Online Payments: [Click here](#)

Raleigh Television Network

(All channels on Time Warner Cable Network)

RTN10 – Community Channel
RTN11 – Government Channel
RTN18 – Education Channel
RTN22 – Information Channel

Lunch Bunch. The way America works is changing. More people are working at home. The Lunch Bunch is organizing in Five Points to give residents an opportunity to meet and lunch with others working at home. Tania Tully will be available to answer questions and sign you up for this new neighborhood group.

Q & A

7:00 – 7:30 PM

City officials and administrators will be available to answer your questions. A preliminary list of questions can be found at www.fivepointscac.org.

Police Report

7:30 – 7:40 PM

Officer Barbie Upchurch
Community Watch Officer
Raleigh Police Department

Barbie will provide her usual update about policing activities and any issues affecting the Five Points community.

Parks and Recreation Update

7:40 – 7:50 PM

Steve White
Recreation Program Director
Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department

Steve will update us about upcoming events in the City and the Five Points community.

Click [here](#) to view the latest *Leisure Ledger*, a guide to programs, special events and park facilities.

Five Points Briefings

7:50 – 8:00 PM

- Capital Boulevard Corridor Workshop – Carter Pettibone
- 2010 Neighborhood Exchange – Garry Wiggins

Relocation of Raleigh Charter High School

8:00 – 8:30 PM

Mack Little
Little & Little Landscape Architects

The school is working on plans to relocate its campus from Pilot Mill to a site located on the southwest corner at Wade and Glenwood. An initial meeting was held with the Glenwood-Brooklyn residents in April. Traffic and parking were identified as the primary concerns.



Community Services News

June 2010

Senior Corps offers opportunities to serve others

It can't be easy to soothe the stressed-out passengers who seek help at the Visitor Services desk at Raleigh-Durham International Airport. Yet Enid Patterson finds a way.

Ms. Patterson, 80, volunteers one day a week at the airport through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), administered by the Community Services Department. "It's a very interesting day," she says. "There's not a boring day."

Community Services is always looking for people age 55 and older to serve as RSVP volunteers in local nonprofit agencies and City of Raleigh offices.

Community Services also seeks volunteers for the Foster Grandparent Program, in which income-eligible seniors work with children who have special needs. Foster Grandparents receive a small stipend.

Together, the RSVP and Foster Grandparent Program make up the Department's Senior Corps.

Ms. Patterson, a retired nurse, recently was named one

of the Senior Corps' Unsung Heroes of 2010.

"She is well known for her optimism and compassion towards people who have difficult situations," reports Carmen Watson, RDU volunteer coordinator.



Also honored as Unsung Heroes of the Senior Corps were Emma Voight, a member of the Cary Senior Sewing Group, and Jessie Peacock, a Foster Grandparent at Torchlight Academy.

"Senior Corps provides seniors a chance to network with other seniors and peers to keep them physically active and to improve their mental health as they explore volunteer opportunities throughout the community," says Jennifer Robinson-Hartle, volunteer coordinator for the Community Services Department.

If you are interested in becoming an RSVP or Foster Grandparent volunteer, call 996-6295. We will help you discover a fulfilling opportunity to serve.

CAC OFFICERS WHO COMPLETED NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE AND/OR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Reid Serozi, Mordecai, co-chair
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Rebekah Weber, Mordecai secretary
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Paul Brant, Northeast chair
Mark Turner, East chair
Lynette Pitt, East past chair
Patrick Martin, Six Forks chair
Jason Hibbets, Southwest chair
Anthony McLeod, Southwest vice chair
Tim Sit, Southeast vice chair
Chad Ingham, Falls of Neuse chair
Linda Watson, Glenwood chair
Justin Fisher, Northwest vice chair

Glasses cultivate community leadership

The spring sessions of Raleigh Neighborhood College and the Citizens Leadership Academy have ended, with two new groups of graduates ready to take on leadership roles in the community. Through Neighborhood College, participants learn about the ins and outs of city government. Citizens Leadership Academy (formerly known as Citizens Participation Leadership Institute) helps people develop their leadership skills.

At least 15 people who are or have been officers of Citizens Advisory Councils (CACs) have been through Raleigh Neighborhood College or Citizens Leadership Academy, or both. That's a sign that the programs are successfully developing new local leaders for our city.

Raleigh Neighborhood College and Citizens Leadership Academy will be offered again this fall. To learn how you can participate, contact Charlene Willard (996-5718 or charlene.willard@raleighnc.gov) or Kevin Smith (996-5716 or kevin.smith@raleighnc.gov).

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Proposed Budget Cuts Spending, Maintains Property Tax Rate

Even though Raleigh is weathering the “Great Recession” better than the rest of North Carolina and the nation, its nine percent unemployment rate is double what it was two years ago. Thus City Manager J. Russell Allen today submitted a proposed budget to the City Council that reduces recurring expenses, maintains the property tax rate and solid waste, stormwater and privilege license fees while balancing priority service delivery with the grim economic realities.

The proposed net operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11 (FY 2011) of \$620,381,649 is 11.1 percent less than the City’s current budget. The budget eliminates 24 vacant positions, shares rising City health-care costs with employees, and reduces the traditional level of employee compensation increases. The only General Fund fee increase in the proposed budget is a \$5-per-year motor vehicle tax increase to support Capital Area Transit. The proposal would cover the City’s expenses for July 1, through June 30, 2011.

Mr. Allen said the budget he is offering for the council’s consideration would not reduce public safety funding significantly or require staff lay-offs. He said it would maintain the City’s high standards of fiscal planning, management, control and reserves expected from a AAA quality credit. The proposal also maintains Raleigh’s property tax rate of 37.35 cents per \$100 of value and the lowest combined municipal costs in the Triangle and among the lowest in the state.

The Solid Waste Services Department is slated for the elimination of 11 positions. The implementation of new automated curbside recycling will allow for these reductions in staffing without a reduction in service.

Five positions are targeted for elimination in the Public Works Department. These include a Project Engineer, an Assessment Specialist and three Service Specialists positions. The City Manager said that due to program efficiencies, service level reductions will not occur.

Other position reductions include: three civilian positions in the Police Department; three landscape position in Parks and Recreation; one position in the Planning Department and one in Personnel.

The proposal includes the addition of 11 new positions. They are: two for the Information Technology Department to support post implementation of the City’s Enterprise Resource Planning system; seven positions for the Parks and Recreation Department to support new facilities, City Plaza events and the City’s public art program; and two positions for the Convention Center to support the new Raleigh Amphitheatre and Festival Site.

The City Manager listed the following cost-saving measures he is proposing for FY 2011:

- Eliminating a 1.5 percent range adjustment for employees along with a reduction of the merit pay program and deferral of the annual review of one third of the City’s job classifications;
- Containing a projected 14 percent increase in employee health insurance costs to 10 percent through modifying plan options, changing the pharmacy administration, implementing a dependent-care audit and increasing employee dependent premiums by 10 percent;
- Deferring the purchase of two Fire engines and 46 Police Department replacement vehicles;
- Reducing General Public Improvement project funding by approximately 30 percent; and,
- Reducing Arts funding per capita by \$0.50, decreasing Human Services funding by 10 percent, and reducing or eliminating funding for “other” agencies.

Revenue Components

The significant revenue components affecting the FY2011 budget are:

- A 0.5 percent increase in property tax revenues due to slow growth;

- A \$3.27 per month increase in the average water and sewer rates to provide sufficient revenue stream to maintain the fiscal integrity of the Public Utilities Enterprise Operation in providing services and carrying out its reduced capital improvement program to sustain the infrastructure required for those services;
- A 10 percent decrease in sales tax revenue;
- Declines in inspection fee revenues of approximately 11 percent and a 48 percent decline in interest on investments;
- An increase of 8 percent for license revenues and a \$5 increase in motor vehicle tax provisioned for the Capital Area Transit program; and,
- Appropriates \$3 million of one-time capital resources in order to avoid significant program and service cuts to citizens.

Capital Improvement Program

In presenting his proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Mr. Allen stressed that infrastructure development and proper maintenance strengthens an area's long-term health. He said that recent bond funded infrastructure investments suggest that future capital project planning should prioritize maintenance of these assets. He added that in order to fund upcoming CIP projects across all categories, the City will require additional bond referendums or alternative revenue streams yet to be identified. He said that in prioritizing and assessing capital project needs, a distinct funding gap between revenue sources and expenditures became apparent.

He said that the CIP he is proposing for FY2011 to FY2020 attempts to address the City's most pressing capital needs, but necessarily reduces and defers numerous FY2011 CIP project requests as a result of decreased available project funding. He identified the factors limiting revenues to support the proposed FY2011 CIP as a reduction in Powell Bill funding, interest income, General Fund and Public Utilities pay-go capital and facility fee revenues.

Budget Deliberation Process

A public hearing on the proposed budget and CIP will be held June 1 at 7 p.m. in the council chamber of the Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex at 222 W. Hargett St.

The City Council will conduct budget deliberation sessions on dates to be determined. All of these sessions will be held in the council chamber and will be carried live on Cable Channel RTN11 and video streamed on the City website.

The FY 2010 City of Raleigh budget must be adopted no later than July 1.

The complete budget proposal can be seen on the City of Raleigh website. Bound copies of the proposal may be reviewed in the City Clerk's Office. For more information, contact the City's Budget Office at 996-3840.

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