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Work Session - Tuesday, February 13 - 4:00 P.M.

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in a scheduled work session at **4:00 P.M.**

The agenda for the work session was posted to the electronic agenda management system Thursday.

Public Comment Session - Tuesday, February 13 - 7:00 P.M.

In addition, Council will also meet **Tuesday** for the scheduled public comment session at **7:00 P.M.**

INFORMATION:

Neighborhood Meeting Guide - Rezoning Applicants

Staff Resource: Bynum Walter, Planning and Development, 996-2178, bynum.walter@raleighnc.gov

Planning & Development staff have published an instructional, step-by-step guide for rezoning applicants tasked with conducting a neighborhood meeting. The *Neighborhood Meeting Guide for Rezoning Applicants* explains necessary actions for compliance with the Unified Development Ordinance and best practices for effective engagement with community members. The [meeting guide](#) is available online, and staff will share the guide directly with potential rezoning applicants during pre-application conferences (a pre-requisite to a rezoning request).

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Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Office of Special Events, 996-2200, sarah.heinsohn@raleighnc.gov

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

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Council Member Follow Up Items

General Follow Up

Citizen Advisory Councils - Update

Staff Resource: Tansy Hayward, City Manager's Office, 996-3070, tansy.hayward@raleighnc.gov

City Council gave direction regarding Citizen Advisory Councils at two recent meetings, by informal consensus at the City Council Retreat on January 27 and also by formal motion during the February 6 City Council meeting. Below are summaries of both actions and anticipated next steps.

City Council Retreat Summary

Draft notes from the City Council Retreat, as follows:

Following the 1-2-4 model, Council members answered, "What is the purpose of CACs today in the City of Raleigh" and identified the following shared statements.

- Two-way communication between the neighborhood/themselves, city government, and elected leaders.
- An opportunity for Raleigh residents to be heard and participate in two-way communication.
- A neighborhood partnership with the city.
- Provide opportunities for citizens to interact and have discussions on issues impacting their community.
- Provide opportunity for citizens to receive detailed updates.

What CAC resource questions need to be addressed in implementation?

- Community center access (monthly frequency, if possible)
- Technology
- Recognition of the history of CACs
- Education and training for CAC leadership through existing programs.

Action: The Council unanimously decided to formally recognize the CACs as a community engagement partner of the city, without their prior role in zoning involvement.

Summary of February 6 Motion

Council voted to provide formal recognition and support of Citizen Advisory Councils in the following ways:

- Free monthly access to City facilities within the boundary of each CAC
- Free access to technology to facilitate streaming meetings

- Succession-planning opportunities to build participation and leadership for CAC's - Neighborhood College and Citizen Leadership Academy

Anticipated Next Steps

As was stated at the City Council Retreat on January 27 and restated on February 6, the City Manager committed to complete additional planning activities and bring recommendations to the City Council by late March or early April. A cross-departmental team has begun to meet to understand financial, technological, operational, and staffing needs and next steps necessary to act on City Council direction. While staff will look for opportunities for early action on implementing some requests, many requests will require longer-term planning and investment and are not anticipated to be possible until July 2024. Additionally, given the need to fully define the support provided to CACs and the potential impact of those decisions on organizations that will become part of the engagement network, staff recommends delaying the launch of the network. The original implementation timeline envisioned promotion of the network to begin Monday, February 12 with a "go-live" date of Monday, March 11. This timeline will be updated and amended as necessary based upon the outcome of the abovementioned discussions.

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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, February 9 – Thursday, February 15

City of Raleigh Office of Special Events
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Permitted Special Events

No permitted special events are scheduled during this time.

Other Upcoming Events

[Winter Jam 2024](#)

Friday, February 9
PNC Arena

[Girls' Galentine Painting Class](#)

Friday, February 9
John P "Top" Greene Park

[Let's Groove Tonight: Motown Meets the Philly Sound – NC Symphony](#)

Friday, February 9 & Saturday, February 10
Meymandi Concert Hall

[New Jersey Devils vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Saturday, February 10
PNC Arena

[Engaged to Death: A Murder Mystery](#)

Saturday, February 10 & Sunday, February 11
Tucker House

[Rhapsody in Blue – Carolina Ballet](#)

Saturday, February 10 – Sunday, February 18
Fletcher Opera Theater

[Environmental Lecture Series](#)

Monday, February 12
Lake Johnson Park

[Celebrate Mardi Gras!](#)

Tuesday, February 13
John Chavis Memorial Park

[Valentine's Day Dinner](#)

Wednesday, February 14
Five Points Center for Active Adults

[Love Potions](#)

Wednesday, February 14
City of Raleigh Museum

[Andrea Bocelli](#)

Wednesday, February 14
PNC Arena

[Black History Month 2024](#)

Through February 29

John Chavis Memorial Park

Public Resources

[Event Feedback Form](#): Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Office of Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

[Road Closure and Road Race Map](#): A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

[Online Events Calendar](#): View all currently scheduled events that impact city streets, public plazas, and Dorothea Dix Park.