



**Human Rights Commission
Regular Meeting
August 3, 2023
Hybrid Meeting
City Space, 100 5th Street NE, Charlottesville, VA 22902
6:30pm**

Agenda Packet Attachments

1. Agenda
2. DRAFT Letter to City Council for Recommendation of Salvation Army Expansion
3. Pro-Housing Organizations Liaison List
4. Todd's Recommendations for Legislative Agenda Discussion

Attachment 1



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Please take Notice that this hybrid meeting of the Human Rights Commission is for the purposes of planning, developing, and drafting management and administration documents for the Human Rights Commission. This hybrid meeting will be a limited public forum to discuss the agenda items presented below and to ensure the continuity of services provided by the Commission. The Commission Chair may limit public comments or discussion points that are unrelated to agenda items or that pertain to topics outside the scope of this Agenda. This will be a hybrid meeting open to the public, and registration information for remote participation is available at www.charlottesville.gov/zoom.

The Commission welcomes comments and questions and commits to listening carefully and thoughtfully to what is presented. A maximum of sixteen public comment time slots are allotted per meeting. Each speaker will have three minutes to speak. The Commission requests that members of the public refrain from engaging in personal attacks against Commissioners and staff members and asks that comments and questions focus on matters related to human rights within the City.

1. WELCOME

- a. CALL TO ORDER
- b. ROLL CALL
- c. MISSION (recited by all): *Act as a strong advocate to justice and equal opportunity by providing citywide leadership and guidance in the area of civil rights.*
- d. Notice: For members of the public participating virtually, if you experience technical difficulties, you may call 434-970-3115, and a staff person will assist you.

2. MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

- a. PUBLIC COMMENT (Webinar attendees use the "raise hand" function, phone attendees use *9)
- b. COMMISSION RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

3. WORK SESSION

- a. Draft City Council Recommendation for Charlottesville Salvation Army Expansion
- b. Discuss plans for 08/17/23 panel session
- c. Share ideas for group meeting norms

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5. COMMISSIONER UPDATES

6. NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN

*** ACTION NEEDED**

Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in the public meeting may call the ADA Coordinator at (434) 970-3182 or submit a request via email to ada@charlottesville.gov. The City of Charlottesville requests that you provide a 48-hour notice so that proper arrangements may be made.

Attachment 2

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

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Human Rights Commission

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August 3rd, 2023

Dear Mayor Snook and City Councilors,

The mission of the Human Rights Commission is to provide “citywide leadership and guidance in the area of civil rights.” As Commissioners, we are tasked, per Sec. 2-433. (c) and Sec. 2-435. (a)(2) of the Charlottesville Human Rights Ordinance, to identify policies and practices that negatively affect residents because of their protected identities, make recommendations to correct those policies, and push the City to dismantle systemic discrimination as it exists here in Charlottesville.

During our regular meeting on Thursday, July 20th, we invited Captain Mark Van Meter of The Salvation Army of Charlottesville to discuss with the Commission the Special Use Permit (SUP) for expanding its facility. The proposal “SP23-00004 – 207 & 211 Ridge Street (The Salvation Army)” is to expand from 58 emergency shelter beds to 114 emergency shelter beds; expand meal capacity from 80 seats to 120 seats; increase the size of the multi-purpose room from 1,928 square feet to 2,415 square feet; and to expand the meeting room capacity from 40 seats to 84 seats.

The Charlottesville Human Rights Commission has identified Housing as a priority this year, per HRC **RESOLUTION #: A23-1**. The Commission believes that the Salvation Army’s proposed expansion represents a positive step toward addressing the current shortage of local emergency shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness in our community. We would therefore like to recommend that City Council approve the SUP to expand the Salvation Army of Charlottesville facilities, as outlined in their proposal.

As you evaluate this recommendation, we welcome any additional questions or comments. Thank you for the work you are doing.

Sincerely,

Jessica Harris

Chair

Human Rights Commission

Human Rights Commissioners:

- Jessica Harris (Chair)

- Ernest Chambers (Vice-Chair)
- Jeanette Abi-Nader
- Mary Bauer
- Wolfgang Keppley
- Kathryn Laughon
- Andrew Orban
- Suzanne Lynn
- Lyndele Von Schill

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Attachment 3

Pro-Housing Organizations and Meeting Times

Organization	Meeting Occurrence	Location	HRC Liaison
PHAR <i>Charlottesville Public Housing Association of Residents</i>	2nd Monday at 6pm	ZOOM: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897083582?pwd=R2RNWmRzcGczOVpYOGI5eHFERTd2UT09 Meeting ID: 818 9708 3582 Passcode: 19981000	Kathryn
Livable Cville			No standing meetings but Andy and/or Kathryn can attend as they occur.
CRHA Board <i>Charlottesville Redevelopment & Housing Authority</i>	4th Monday at 6pm The Board occasionally holds work sessions, special meetings, etc. To submit comments for consideration at a Board meeting, please e-mail CRHAComments@gmail.com	Virtual meetings – check Charlottesville City website for Zoom links	
CRHA Safety Meeting	Every other Tuesday at 6pm	ZOOM: https://virginia.zoom.us/j/94162482463 Meeting ID: 941 6248 2463 Passcode: 181698	

CRHA Resident Services Committee Meeting	2nd Tuesday of every month at 1pm	ZOOM: https://zoom.us/j/95147780948?pwd=YUExYmZCOVBQUkQ3cy9zZ1NVYkg2UT09 Meeting ID: 951 4778 0948 Passcode: 692943	Jeanette
Charlottesville Planning Commission	2nd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m	CitySpace and virtual (register through City website)	
Cville Plans Together Steering Committee	As needed –Next on May 24	By Zoom –Steering Committee reviews the Planning Commission’s work and the zoning regulations.	Jeanette
Fifeville Neighborhood Association	2nd Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Tonsler Park Community Center on Cherry Avenue in Charlottesville. Please check the Facebook page for more information.	
CLIHC Charlottesville Low-Income Housing Coalition	Sent email...awaiting response. Kathryn to discuss with Emily Dreyfus UPDATE: Meetings held as-needed		Kathryn
DSA Housing Committee Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) Housing Committee	3 rd Wednesdays at 7:00PM (on Zoom)	Email housing.cvilledsa@gmail.com for the Zoom link	Wolfgang
Piedmont Housing Alliance	Unclear if there are public meetings – have sent email and am awaiting		

	response. UPDATE: There are no public meetings		
Housing Advisory Committee	#rd Wednesdays at noon, Todd to confirm		

Attachment 4

Todd's Recommendations for Speakers for 08/17/23 Legislative Agenda Discussion

Anthony Haro from Blue Ridge Area Coalition for the Homeless (BRACH)

Anna Mendez from the Haven

Jayson Whitehead from People and Congregations Engaged in Ministry (PACEM)

Kimberly Fontaine from Alliance for Interfaith Ministries (AIM)

Mark Van Meter from the Salvation Army

Matthew Gilligan from Livable Cville

Emily Dreyfus from Charlottesville Public Housing Association of Residents (PHAR) and Charlottesville Low-Income Housing Coalition (CLIHC)

John Sales from Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA)

Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC) (OHR can ask Director Angela Ciolfi)

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS) (OHR can ask Robin Leiter-White)

James Freas Charlottesville Neighborhood Development Services

Misty Graves from the Department of Human Services

Sue Moffett from Social Services

Michael Payne from City Council