

# *InterNeighborhood Council of Durham*

December 19, 2022

Hello neighbors,

As we near the end of 2022, I'd like to extend a warm holiday greeting to you and your families whether born or chosen. The InterNeighborhood Council of Durham fully appreciates you being a part of our community.

During this past year, my goal was to bring speakers from diverse backgrounds to speak on topics outside of but not exclusive of land use and zoning. Below you will find a sampling of the speakers and topics of discussion.

## **Environmental Justice:**

Max Cawley: Program Manager, [Museum of Life and Science](#)  
Tobin Fried: Sustainability Manager, [Sustainability Office of Durham](#)  
Max and Tobin shared [information](#) on [Urban Heat Islands](#) data for Durham County.

John Tallmadge, Executive Director of [Bike Durham](#). John spoke about the [Safe Routes to School](#) program.

Rickie White, Executive Director, [Ellerbe Creek Water Shed Association](#)  
"Why we all need urban nature and a vision for what that could look like in Durham"

[Alexis Luckey](#) – Executive Director [Toxic Free NC](#) Eliminating PFAS in drinking water.

[Don't Waste Durham](#), a local non-profit works to reduce waste and litter across the community.

Tobin L. Freid (she/her), Sustainability Manager Durham County  
[Solarize Durham](#) program [www.GreenerDurham.net](http://www.GreenerDurham.net)

Jessica Sheffield, Executive Director of [Eno River Association](#) spoke on the Open Air Camp Evictions.

## **Government:**

### **City:**

Mayor Elaine O'Neal – Townhall address on the State of the City.

Councilman Leonardo Williams – Townhall meeting

Constance Stancil and staff from [Durham's Neighborhood Improvement Services](#), share updates on their strategic plan for the city of Durham.

English: [durham.mysocialpinpoint.com/comprehensiveplan](http://durham.mysocialpinpoint.com/comprehensiveplan)

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Jackie Turner of Jackie Turner Consulting shared information on [Durhams' Aquatics Projects](#).

## **County:**

### **Presenting on the [2022 Bond Referendums](#):**

Claudia Hagar, Durham County General Manager  
Deborah Craig-Ray, General Manager  
Keith Lane, Director, Budget and Management Services  
Fred Davis, Executive Director, Building Services, Durham Public Schools  
JB Buxton, President, Durham Technical Community College  
Carrie Heinonen, CEO, Museum of Life and Science

## **Land Use Topics:**

[Nate Baker](#) - Urban Planner will lead a discussion on development in Durham

Anita Scott Neville, Director  
Presentation on the [Fayette Place Project](#)  
[Hayti Reborn Community Action Council](#)  
United Way Autonomous Power Project

[Jim Anthony](#) - Privately-Initiated Text Amendment Changes to the UDO  
Simplifying Codes for More Affordable Development (SCAD).

## **Discussions:**

During each meeting, we hold space for delegates to discuss their neighborhood concerns. Largely, these concerns typically center on zoning and land use issues, but here are a few that did not.

We discussed voting to support the [Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People](#) budget request. Their priority items for ARPA funds and overall principle for budget allocations in 2022.

### [Comprehensive Plan](#)

These draft policies cover a range of topics from housing and neighborhoods, transportation, environment, and jobs and education. The Planning Staff has been in the process of updating the comprehensive plan.

Issued a letter of resolution in support of the Hayti Reborn Project.

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Unfortunately, I've more than likely overlooked someone and for that, I'll extend my sincere apologies. But folks, I thank you for showing up and participating in the conversation. As we move toward 2023, we'd like to hear from you. What are the topics that are of interest to you, who would you like to hear from?

You can email me your suggestions at [nitab48@gmail.com](mailto:nitab48@gmail.com).

In closing, on behalf of the entire INC delegation, I send congratulations to Sarah and David on the new additions to their families. May you be blessed with peaceful nights, and days filled with joy.

Be a Kind Human,

Bonita Green

President

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