



Anne Arundel County Community Reinvestment & Repair Commission (CRRC)

Monday, July 14, 2025

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Independence Room

2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD

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- I. Call to Order & Introductions
Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

In Attendance

Commission Members

Dr. Shawn Ashworth (Chair), Laurietta Jones, Michael Woldemariam, Theresa Wellman, Laticia Hicks, Joshua Freeman, Brandon Davis, Laurie Benner.

Ex. Officio Members

Sandy Jones, Beth Brush, Tonii Gedin.

County/ACDS Staff

James Kitchin (County Executive's Office), Erin Karpewicz (ACDS), Maggie Staudenmaier (ACDS).

Community Members

Jane Lawrence, Andy Schindling, Lynda Davis, Shaleece Brown, Kelly Makimaa.

- II. Review of Meeting Norms & Approval of May Minutes, June Minutes, and July Agenda

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

- Motion to approve Updated May Minutes: Michael Woldemariam.
 - Seconded: Laurietta Jones.
 - Approved: Unanimously.
- Motion to approve June Minutes: Michael Woldemariam.
 - Seconded: Brandon Davis.
 - Approved: Unanimously.
- Motion to accept July Agenda: Theresa Wellman.
 - Seconded: Joshua Freeman.

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- Laticia Hicks: Request to add agenda item to discuss current commissioners.
 - Dr. Ashworth: Will discuss during housekeeping section.
 - Approved: Unanimously.

III. Review of Application Review Committee Assignments

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRRC

- Maggie Staudenmaier: Reminder to complete Review Committee scheduling polls.
- Laticia Hicks: Will review committees be scheduled with priority for voting commissioner attendance?
 - Dr. Ashworth: Yes, Ex. Officio members are included in the scheduling, but review committees will only be scheduled for dates that all voting commissioners can attend.
- Laticia Hicks: How will we know when a date has been selected and what will be the setting for these meetings?
 - Dr. Ashworth: Maggie will send out the finalized dates and the committees can decide how they would like to meet.
 - Maggie Staudenmaier: In-person meetings are an option if requested.

IV. Overview of Review Process

ACDS Staff

- Registering Accounts in Neighborly
 - Maggie Staudenmaier: Reminder to register for an account in Neighborly and notify me once you have done so.
- [Potential Approaches to Allocation of Funds](#)
 - Maggie Staudenmaier: Recommendation to allocate between \$400,000 and \$450,000 to each issue area
 - Laticia Hicks: Concern around the allocation to Education, Youth Enrichment, and After-School Activities, due to the higher number of applications in the category.
 - Dr. Ashworth: Suggestion to reduce allocation to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Housing and Homelessness Prevention, and Workforce Development and Employment Training by \$100,000 each, and increase allocation to Education, Youth Enrichment, and After-School Activities by \$300,000.
 - Erin Karpewicz: Suggestion to consider maintaining an equal allocation between the categories for now until applications are reviewed to allow funding decisions to be made based on application quality rather than the volume of applications in a category.

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- Brandon Davis: Suggestion to keep funding amounts per category the same but redistribute some portion of the Education Applications to be reviewed by the other three review committees.

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- Laticia Hicks: If commission members in other categories have experience in the Education, Youth Enrichment, and After-School Activities field, they should consider joining the review committee rather than redistributing those applications to other categories.
 - Michael Woldemariam: Discussion of proceeding with the ranges of \$400,000-\$450,000 per committee and then making final decisions based on the results of the application review process during the September CRRC meeting.
 - Laticia Hicks: Motion to adjust the recommended ranges per category to increase the allocation for Education, Youth Enrichment, and After-School Activities by \$300,000, reducing the allocation to the other three categories by \$100,000 each (2:44)
 - Seconded: Laurietta Jones
 - Votes in favor:
 - Laticia Hicks
 - Laurietta Jones
 - Dr. Ashworth
 - Votes opposed:
 - Theresa Wellman
 - Michael Woldemariam
 - Joshua Freeman
 - Brandon Davis
 - Motion fails.

V. [Public Comment](#) Period (8:53)

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

Community Members

- Andy Schindling, The Complete Player Charity.
- Kelly Makimaa, Girls On The Run of the Greater Chesapeake.

VI. Review of Housekeeping Items & Next Meeting Date (14:38)

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

- Dr. Ashworth: Reminder to request meeting space for review committee meetings if desired.
- Dr. Ashworth: Discussion of current commissioners.
 - Currently, there are vacancies for two voting members on the commission and the County is in the process of identifying new commissioners.
 - Will the commissioners be appointed from the same areas and backgrounds as the two commissioners who have been lost?
 - James Kitchin: Yes.

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- Will new commissioners be appointed to begin after the FY26 application review process is completed?
 - James Kitchin: Yes, the new commissioners will need to apply and be vetted, which typically takes around a month and a half. September is a reasonable estimate, assuming we receive applications soon.
 - Laticia Hicks: Which commissioners did we lose?
 - Dr. Ashworth: Jessica Meyer and Ahsun Powell.
 - James Kitchin: There may be a third vacancy due to the City of Annapolis appointing only one commissioner when they were allotted two appointments.
 - Laticia Hicks: Noting for the record that Ahsun Powell was nominated by the County Council.
 - Brandon Davis: Will we be notified by Neighborly when applications have been assigned to us?
 - Maggie Staudenmaier: Yes, you will receive an email notification from Neighborly when an application is assigned to you, and I will send a follow up email to notify commissioners that applications have been assigned.
 - Dr. Ashworth: How will we know when the review is complete for the entire group?
 - Maggie Staudenmaier: Scoring is completed individually by each commission member and you are not able to see the scores that have been submitted by other members of your review committee.
 - Michael Woldemariam: Prior to the September meeting will we have access to the recommended applications from other review committees? How will final decisions be made, will it be a vote?
 - Dr. Ashworth: Final decisions will be made with a vote. Recommended applications will be provided before the September meeting.
 - Erin Karpewicz: Suggestion to consider establishing a conference committee to review the final recommendations of each committee and provide a streamlined recommendation to the full commission.
 - Laticia Hicks: Reminder of previous conversation around adding an additional meeting between monthly meetings to review recommendations prior to making final decisions.
 - Next Meeting Date: August 11, 2025 (Housing and Homelessness Prevention Review Committee meeting)

VII. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Theresa Wellman. (27:05)
 - Seconded: Brandon Davis.
 - Adjourned.