

FY2023 Advisory Board Member Survey Responses

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Advisory Board Member(s)	Gordon Miller
Advisory Board	Air Quality Commission
Role	Member
Priority 1	Further evaluation of growth plans for the community that will impact air issues including the biggest issues related to mobile sources; road and non-road
Priority 2	Support of the Towns in the Communities
Priority 3	No Response
Priority 4	No Response
Priority 5	No Response
Please provide and other information you would like the Board of County Commissioners to know.	No Response
Advisory Board Member(s)	Peter J McGrath Jr
Advisory Board	Air Quality Commission
Role	Chair
Priority 1	Maintain or increase funding for environmental education/outreach especially to communities considered disadvantaged for environmental justice purposes, and BIPOC
Priority 2	Maintain or increase investments to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled by investing and prioritizing planning for integrated mobility options to support affordable housing, environmental protection, parks and recs etc.
Priority 3	Maintain or increase funding to incentive electric vehicle use (inc. EV infrastructure) and use of electricity for domestic and landscaping (domestic, commercial and governmental) use
Priority 4	Maintain funding and planning to meet the County's goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2030
Priority 5	Take action necessary to ensure that County maintains its status as a local implementation program authorized to enforce state and Federal air quality programs in the County
Please provide and other information you would like the Board of County Commissioners to know.	I do not submit these priorities in my personal capacity but as chair of the Air Quality Commission. These are the priorities of the Commission. The Commission discussed the priorities, and approved them and this submission by unanimous vote at the Commission's November 22, 2021 meeting.

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Advisory Board Member(s)	Gabriel Mathless
Advisory Board	Citizens Capital Budget Advisory Committee
Role	Vice Chair
Priority 1	Affordable Housing
Priority 2	Economic Mobility
Priority 3	Environmental Leadership
Priority 4	Cyber Security
Priority 5	Reduce Education Attainment Gaps

Please provide and other information you would like the Board of County Commissioners to know. No Response

Advisory Board Member(s)	Tanisha Peterson-Powe
Advisory Board	Domestic Violence Advisory Board
Role	Chair
Priority 1	Violence Prevention
Priority 2	Mental Health
Priority 3	Human Trafficking
Priority 4	Housing
Priority 5	Employment

Please provide and other information you would like the Board of County Commissioners to know. Violence Prevention note: This priority needs to include domestic violence resources for individuals under 18 years of age.

Advisory Board Member(s)	Jennifer Golynsky
Advisory Board	Human Resources Advisory Committee
Role	Vice Chair
Priority 1	Affordable Housing with access to transportation
Priority 2	Retraining displaced workers
Priority 3	Child care - accessible & affordable
Priority 4	Reducing Racial Disparities
Priority 5	Environmental concerns

Please provide and other information you would like the Board of County Commissioners to know. There are many competing priorities, all worthy of attention. I trust that all will be funded to some extent.

Advisory Board Member(s)	Beth A Stolarick
Advisory Board	Human Resources Advisory Committee
Role	N/A
Priority 1	Affordable housing
Priority 2	Education attainment gaps
Priority 3	Environmental Leadership
Priority 4	Workforce Development
Priority 5	Meck pre-K

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Advisory Board Member(s)	Dru Meier
Advisory Board	Human Resources Advisory Committee
Role	Member
Priority 1	Workforce Development
Priority 2	Affordable Housing
Priority 3	Educational Attainment
Priority 4	Pre-K
Priority 5	Environment

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Difficult to prioritize because all of these items affect the others, so they are all top priority. But I think we first have to make sure our citizens are housed so we can then focus on education & enabling people to work. But if we don't put more focus on the environment/climate control, none of this will matter because we will have destroyed our home, the earth.

Advisory Board Member(s)	Jacqueline Waites Moss
Advisory Board	Human Resources Advisory Committee
Role	Chair
Priority 1	Affordable daycare for working families
Priority 2	People Mgmt training for county managers on identifying high performers, specifically minorities/women, retention and recruitment
Priority 3	Expand availability of mental health professionals to the school system to identify/address homelessness, abuse, suicide, bullying, potential for mass violence
Priority 4	Improve/increase availability to internet, technology and training for low income families; partner with churches, community centers to embed community technology centers
Priority 5	Create a healthy food education campaign to address obesity and its associated diseases. Incentivize business to identify and cater to food deserts with fresh/healthy food options
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Advisory Board Member(s)	LaFonda General
Advisory Board	Human Resources Advisory Committee
Role	Member
Priority 1	Civic Education and Engagement
Priority 2	Expand Affordable Housing

Priority 3 Workforce Development targeted funding for formerly incarcerated persons and persons with barriers to employment

Priority 4 Reduce Education Attainment Gaps by reducing the classroom size of the lowest performing schools in the district.

Priority 5 Reduce Reduce Education Attainment Gaps by increasing the number of teacher and teacher assistants needed to accomodate the newly reduced class sizes in the low performing schools.

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Advisory Board Member(s)	Phyllis Barnette
Advisory Board	Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Role	N/A
Priority 1	Affordable Housing
Priority 2	Mental Health
Priority 3	Substance Use Disorder
Priority 4	Land Development
Priority 5	Taxes

Please provide and other information you would like the Board of County Commissioners to know.

Charlotte's housing instability issue is HORRIBLE. I've worked with and for the homeless population for many years and I'm actually ashamed that we are experiencing this horrific housing concern. I've seen our city look over very viable options to assist in eliminating homeless but we continue to build massive amounts of overpriced apartments and condos for the wealthy while we literally walk around and over the homeless. If we begin to honestly put our dollars into this housing issue we can work on making the city beautiful from the inside out. One of the biggest buildings in uptown sits empty with homeless people sleeping on it's back porch - the Hall house on Tryon St and 8th. We can always count on millions of dollars being poured into soccer teams, stadium renovations and new high rises, but never housing.

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Advisory Board Member(s)	Kendra King
Advisory Board	Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Role	Vice Chair
Priority 1	Housing
Priority 2	Mental Health Assessments/Counseling
Priority 3	Substance Abuse Assessments/Counseling
Priority 4	Gang Prevention/Intervention
Priority 5	Financial Literacy

Please provide and other information you would like the Board of County Commissioners to know. No Response

Advisory Board Member(s)	Mark Talbot
Advisory Board	Park and Recreation Commission
Role	N/A
Priority 1	All Parks should be rated "B" or better before more capital is spent on land acquisition or park improvements.
Priority 2	Greenways should be connected before extended
Priority 3	Monies allocated for parks in great need of improvement should be expedited within 6 months.
Priority 4	Improvements should be lead by the communities they serve.
Priority 5	No Response

Please provide and other information you would like the Board of County Commissioners to know. The inequities are impossible to explain within the Meck Park system. Let's get them all up to speed where each community can be proud and use them well.

Advisory Board Member(s)	Ann Harrison
Advisory Board	Park and Recreation Commission
Role	Chair
Priority 1	Family & Consumer Science Program
Priority 2	4H Youth Development Program
Priority 3	Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program
Priority 4	Horticulture
Priority 5	No Response

Please provide and other information you would like the Board of County Commissioners to know. Many of the services provided by Coop Ext transitioned to virtual programs during the pandemic. The poor quality of the internet network posed huge challenges to the staff. So much so that, on one occasion, a member of the Coop Ext staff was forced to conduct a class from a McDonald's after failing to establish an internet connection in the Coop Ext building!

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Advisory Board Member(s)	David Collins
Advisory Board	Storm Water Advisory Committee
Role	Chair
Priority 1	Fund Storm Water Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and operating program with smaller fee increases (including the issuance of bonds while market is favorable) is preferred over larger fee increases without debt
Priority 2	Fund CIP to preserve creeks so they remain, or are improved to be, a natural amenity for visual enjoyment and contain diverse aquatic habitat
Priority 3	Accelerate CIP projects to reduce wait time to offset the negative impacts from significant development that is occurring
Priority 4	Prepare for unpredictable weather patterns and associated impacts
Priority 5	Account for increase in construction costs and the real estate market
Please provide and other information you would like the Board of County Commissioners to know.	No Response
Advisory Board Member(s)	Yolonda P Holmes
Advisory Board	Women's Advisory Board
Role	Chair
Priority 1	Increased Childcare Service and Resources for Women (Parent advocacy/empowerment in schools)
Priority 2	Increased Employment Opportunities (Deploy intentional strategies to increase employability and pay for women)
Priority 3	Communication Platforms/Systems (Employ traditional and nontraditional communication platforms; include common foreign languages)
Priority 4	Increased Community Support (Care Ring— nonprofit here in Charlotte to possibly assist with healthcare/ mental health needs).
Priority 5	No Response
Please provide and other information you would like the Board of County Commissioners to know.	The Women's Advisory Board would like to receive feedback on the priority recommendations submitted for FY2023. We'd like to know which priorities were considered for recommendation and budget line items to further develop or Implement programs for Women in Mecklenburg County.