



Housing and Human Services Advisory Commission Meeting

January 21, 2026
6:00 PM

Town Hall
Room 109

Minutes

Present: Lindsay Griffin; Acting Chair, Heather Nash, Muhsin Omar, Josie Hartman Anne-Marie Vanaman; Staff Liaison, **Cristóbal Palmer**; Town Council Liaison, Tyler Haugle; Staff

Guests: Danielle DeCaprio, Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness; Donna Carrington, Community Empowerment Fund

I. Welcome and Introductions

Lindsay Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. Brief introductions were made.

II. Approval of the November 2025 meeting minutes

Griffin motioned to approve the November 2025 meeting minutes. Muhsin Omar seconded. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.

III. Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) and Community Empowerment Fund (CEF)

a. Presentation

i. OCPEH

1. Danielle DeCaprio, Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH), presented on the organization and its role in Carrboro and Orange County at large.
2. OCPEH has their own governing board though they report and are housed in the Orange County Housing Department.
3. 25 leases signed in Carrboro out of 70 this FY through Housing Access. Provide up to \$4,000 in risk mitigation funds if cost to turn over is more than Security Deposit.
4. Year's-worth of case management support through Rapid Rehousing (RRH). Case management support can go further than the financial support.

5. SSI and SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) benefits - usually takes about 200 days, but that wait has gotten longer over the last year.
 6. OCPEH - manages the RRH program.
 7. IFC - manages Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).
- ii. CEF
 1. Financial stability for whatever financial stability looks like for Members.
 2. Financial coaching modules.
 3. Safe Savings Program.
 4. Learning Series in partnership with OCPEH.
 5. Community Fridge.
- b. Q&A

IV. 2026 Calendar - Nonprofit Partners Presentations

- a. Tyler briefly went over the proposed schedule of other nonprofit partner presenters. Commission members were enthusiastically supportive of the schedule and organizations.

V. Affordable Housing Projects Update

- a. Vanaman presented the status of current Affordable Housing projects.
- b. Brief discussion of how Conditional Rezoning and Affordable Housing negotiations can increase affordable housing.

VI. Staff Updates - FY27 Human Services Applications; HHSAC seats

- a. Griffin announced that her last meeting is next month, February, 2026, as she is finishing her second term.

VII. Next meeting

- a. Next meeting February 18th. Griffin motioned to adjourn. Hartman seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Meeting adjourned 7:38pm.