

**Partnership for a Healthy Durham  
Health and Housing (H&H) Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

Present: Karin Szymanski, Krista Kicsak, Cynthia Williams, Charlene Reiss, James Davis, Angel Romero, Elshona Hudson		
Topic	Major Discussion	Recommendations and Action Steps
<b>Welcome/ Introductions</b> <i>James 8:30-8:40</i>	It's almost November and the end of the year. In 1-2 words, what is something you are grateful for in 2025.	
<b>Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs)</b> <i>Co-chairs 8:45-9:15</i>	Review and update Adding the housing/health accomplishment below should be placed on the CHIP. Objectives – advocate for health promoting policies and procedure, people have safe housing. This might be a good topic for a round table discussion. See agenda item below.	Adding accomplishments to the CHIP under policies and procedures and safe housing objectives.
<b>Distribution of lead testing kits and falls prevention one-pager</b> <i>Co-chairs 9:15-9:25</i>	Volunteer Coordination: Lead Testing Kits & Falls Prevention Materials Discussion Highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee is seeking volunteers to help distribute: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead Testing Kits</li> <li>• Falls Prevention One-Pager</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Priority distribution is for homes built before 1972.</li> <li>• Contacts from the previous meeting notes will be used for follow-up outreach.</li> <li>• East Durham was identified as the most effective area for distribution efforts.</li> </ul> Falls Prevention One-Pager: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charlene will review existing documents to ensure accuracy and relevance.</li> <li>• Bria will create a Google Doc where members can sign up to pick up flyers for distribution.</li> <li>• The Health Department has printed the flyers and made them available for the committee.</li> </ul> Need volunteers and additional distribution points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meals on Wheels</li> <li>• Clinics</li> <li>• Doctors' offices</li> <li>• Senior Center</li> <li>• Set up a document for people to add to places to distribute the papers and sign up to drop them off.</li> </ul>	See if Bria can set up a google doc for people to sign up to pick up the flyers for distribution.  Ask for volunteers to connect with the organizations listed for the flyers.  Ask for volunteers for the Lead Testing Kit distribution.

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	Lead Testing kits – we have about 500 hundred to distribute.	
<b>Next Round of Round Table Discussions</b>	<p><b>Discussion Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee discussed the potential of dedicating an upcoming meeting to the topic of housing, based on today’s conversation.</li> <li>It was noted that this topic could require the full duration of a meeting (approximately 2 hours per session).</li> <li>To facilitate a productive discussion, it was suggested that background documents be divided into smaller, more manageable sections. This would allow the group to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review actions already taken</li> <li>Identify what would be required to move forward</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Next Steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James will send out a request to schedule this meeting.</li> <li>Committee members are encouraged to reach out with availability.</li> <li>The December meeting will be used to finalize meeting dates.</li> <li>A January meeting is being proposed for the in-depth housing discussion.</li> </ul>	<p>James will send out a request to schedule this meeting.</p> <p>The December meeting will be used to finalize meeting dates.</p> <p>A January meeting is being proposed for the in-depth housing discussion – Round Table style.</p>
<b>Next Committee Meeting: Combined November/December meeting!</b>	<p>Tuesday, December 9 at 9:00 – 10:30 AM IN PERSON! City of Durham Community Partnerships and Engagements Department Golden Belt 807 E Main Street, Bldg 2 Ste 300 (same building as the Cotton Room)</p>	Will Durham offer coffee and morning snacks for in-person meeting?
<b>Updates and announcements</b> 9:25-9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Durham Democrats are doing a food drive to help the food banks. Charlene has an email and will send it to Raina. Bull City shares is sharing their document as well with resources for food. <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PLQd83Ft_HwVn8m2b6gqBanE34HsijvhhJoxAWKvBk/edit?tab=t.0">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PLQd83Ft_HwVn8m2b6gqBanE34HsijvhhJoxAWKvBk/edit?tab=t.0</a></li> <li>Cynthia thanked those that attended the meeting and met with city council. Ordinance landlord tenant issues – Milo (minor) voiced the concerns and lead the way for this legal challenge. Tennant does not need to pull documentation and prove to court that they did not cause situation, this now says the city that if these conditions exist, they can immediately go to court to ask for relief. Tennant still has to pay rent for this legal support. Time it took for a case to be heard prior was year plus and now</li> </ul>	

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	<p>will be closer to month to get to court. Details should be in council minutes – October 3, 17<sup>th</sup>. Focus is supporting renters dealing with unhealthy unsanitary living conditions. This is not just an economic issue, it is a health issue – focusing on children and seniors. This is important information to share out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The city lets you sign up to get emails about agendas and a lot of other notices here: <a href="#">Notify Me • Durham, NC • CivicEngage</a></li><li>• <a href="#">moveabull.org</a> come out to the first Open Streets in Durham next Sunday, 10/5!</li><li>• MiFi options to fill gap for internet - devices are free and connectivity will be one full year and hope to assist with fees after the year. <a href="https://www.durhamnc.gov/5397/MiFi-Distribution">https://www.durhamnc.gov/5397/MiFi-Distribution</a></li><li>• Please also provide health-related feedback to the Bus Rapid Transit System survey ongoing right now: <a href="#">Home   Durham Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Vision</a></li></ul>	