

60 Wendy Welsh, Interim Town Clerk, gave examples of different boards and sub-committees, why
61 they were formed, and when they meet.
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63 Council and Staff discussed possible mergers, how they would work and merger of charges.
64 Having boards decide subcommittees and assigning extra duties amongst the members. Also,
65 getting input from boards.
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67 Mayor Foushee discussed the next steps and the way ahead. Also asked about staff working
68 groups.
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70 Wendy Welsh, Interim Town Clerk, discussed doing all the next steps while reassessing board
71 make ups. Agreed that staff liaisons need to be involved in how the new charges will be formed
72 because they are the ones implementing the agenda.
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74 Council and Staff discussed how this would impact Staff and whether it would reduce staff time
75 in the future.
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77 Council Member Haven-O'Donnell highlighted that the Truth Plaque Task Force doesn't have a
78 charge and could merge with Race Equity Commission and become a subcommittee. Discussed
79 the Greenways commission, since 1994, was under recs and parks.
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81 Council Member Fray agreed with Council Member Haven-O'Donnell to chat with different
82 staff liaisons about Greenways. Looking at the history, the charge stretches across many boards.
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84 Council and Staff discussed how boards and commissions stretch across multiple categories and
85 having Staff looking into the charters to see how they can be properly divided.
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87 Council Member Fray recommended addressing with public engagement and start socializing
88 some ideas to boards while staff working on details. Inform chairs to inform them that Council is
89 looking at merging charges, so no one lose seat and looking at ways to make it less onerous to
90 serve. We need to loop them in early in the process.
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92 Mayor Foushee stated she agrees, and asked Staff how can they start getting this conversation
93 out to the advisory boards. Directed to share some information about tonight to relieve some
94 angst about how we plan to move forward.
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96 Council Member Posada recommended to share this presentation and thinks it's good to get them
97 involved sooner than later.
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99 Wendy Welsh, Interim Town Clerk, asked about how to proceed with new appointments and
100 reappointments. Thinks reappointments can just happen but would appreciate guidance on new
101 appointments and what you would like to happen.
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103 Council Member Nowell asked if it would cause real problems to pause new appointments until
104 this gets worked out. Pointed out that in almost all cases we are appointing to vacant seats,
105 except for the Rec and Arts Committee where there is a backlog.
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107 Council Member Posada favored halting new appointments but doing reappointments until they
108 finalize what boards will look like. Explained doesn't want the charge to change and people find
109 out that's not what they signed up for.
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111 Council Member Merrill concurred with halting new appointments but wants new applicants to
112 be kept in the loop. Stated proactive communication is best.
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114 Council Member Haven-O'Donnell mentioned this is an opportunity to reenergize people about
115 boards in community. Wants to know from folks currently on boards what they see are obstacles
116 and come up with a way to read the pulse of current members.
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118 Wendy Welsh, Interim Town Clerk, discussed engaging the boards that can't meet due to
119 quorum and putting together a survey.
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121 Council Member Fray generally agrees about holding on new appointments, but highlighted
122 several boards can't make quorum or have key members with institutional knowledge term
123 limiting out. Thinking if we do some target appointment to keep them operating or be consistent
124 and put hold on all new to keep additional confusion.

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126 Mayor Foushee doesn't want to see boards that are not able to meet because of quorum.
127 Recommends if going to appoint, then appointment goes across the board and don't want to
128 cherry pick. Doesn't want to bring new people on while working it out. Asked if it is possible to
129 put this as agenda item at board/committee meetings to set aside time for them to discuss this
130 presentation.

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132 Council discussed doing reappointments only and the need for communication to new applicants.
133 Discussed coming back to a work session to further discuss board consolidation. Recommended
134 an agenda item to address the Climate Action Team and the Race Equity Commission's tasks
135 going forward.

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139 **ADJOURNMENT**

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141 **A motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Merrill to**
142 **adjourn the meeting.**

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144 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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