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Subject: This Week's Key Highlights and Updates (Regency Inn, Community HEROES, Appointments)
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Attachments: [Community Heroes Program Guidelines Nov2022 v3.pdf](#)
[Cockburn Secretary Letter.pdf](#)
[Memo Regency Inn Update \(003\).pdf](#)

Mayor + Council (bcc):

Good morning! Below and attached to this email are updates regarding the Regency Inn, Pallet Shelters, Boards and Commissions appointments, and GDOT's Director's USDOT technical advisory appointment.

Homelessness Assistance

Regency Inn was opened to guests on Wednesday, 11/23 and so far more than 40 individuals have been housed and another 11 guests are expected to move in by tonight. 779 meals have been provided to date. We continue to receive referrals from CoC partners and we will be working with our partners to accommodate those on the waitlist. So far 100+ referrals have been received.

The and payment for Pallet Shelters were issued to Pallet for production to begin. We anticipate an expedited delivery. The civil engineer is finalizing the site plan with our updates. This coming week, we will meet with all interested parties to provide site plan feedback. Electrical and building contractors will participate in this meeting. The goal is to have final feedback for site plan revisions. All contractors used for this project are MBE's through our on-call contracts. I will provide additional update next week and a timeline for the shelters to be assembled and ready for accommodation.

Community Heroes Program Guidelines (attached)

We made some changes since the October 27 work session based on your feedback. Guidelines are attached. The basic changes are:

- Loan forgiveness prorated annually (5 year loans – 20% annually; 10 year loans – 10% annually)
- Employment eligibility is limited to
 - City of Greensboro employees
 - Guilford County employees
 - Active military

- Military veterans
- Additional verbiage to describe ongoing monitoring efforts
- Additional verbiage to state there are no tax implications with loan forgiveness

This week on (11/30) was the last day HCG will accept applications for the existing bond-funded homebuyer program. Applications from households over 80% AMI received December 1 or after will be considered for the Community Heroes program when it goes into effect.

Boards and Commission Appointments

There are various vacancies on our Boards and Commissions. City Clerk, Angie Lord, will email you a memo today in preparation for your appointments on Tuesday, December 6.

GDOT Director National Appointment

GDOT Director, Hanna Cockburn was invited by the Transportation Secretary, Pete Buttigieg, to serve as a member on the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS) for a two-year term beginning this December. Her appointment letter from the Secretary is attached to this email. The purpose of this committee is to provide information, advice, and recommendations on all matters related to the safety of public transportation. This appointment not only shows that Ms. Cockburn is a nationally recognized leader in the transportation industry but that our City is recognized nationally for the work we continue to do in that field. Congratulations to Hanna!

Listening Sessions

This week, I completed my 15th listening session since I started as City Manager on February 1st. They were well-attended and various items of interest and concerns were raised: *public safety, affordable housing, homelessness, public transit, corridor improvements, parks and recreation facilities* among others.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you!

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