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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

WHAT IS THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM?

THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FELLOWSHIP AIMS TO INCREASE THE PRESENCE OF HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED AND MARGINALIZED GROUPS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING WOMEN, PEOPLE OF COLOR, MEMBERS OF THE LBGTQIA+ COMMUNITY, AND MORE. THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF MONTHLY COURSES DESIGNED TO HELP FELLOWS UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE OF LOCAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, HOW THESE BODIES FUNCTION, THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A MEMBER, AND STRATEGIES FOR MAXIMIZING THEIR IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITY. FELLOWS COLLABORATE WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH A PERSONALIZED LOCAL MENTOR TO UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS OF AND PREPARE FOR COMMUNITY-LEVEL CHANGEMAKING.



WE WILL BEGIN TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR OUR 2025 CLASS ON OCTOBER 1ST!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION REGARDING OUR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

[BOARDS & COMMISSIONS WEBSITE](#)



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

DUKE ENERGY—A MAJOR POLLUTER—IS INVESTING IN MANY POLITICAL RACES THIS YEAR.

NC NEWSLINE REPORTS: “AN ANALYSIS OF DUKE’S CORPORATE POLITICAL EXPENDITURES AS REPORTED ON THE COMPANY’S WEBSITE, AND PRO PUBLICA’S 527 EXPLORER WEBSITE SHOWS THAT SINCE 2020, DUKE HAS DONATED \$630,000 TO THE [REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION (RGA)]. THE COMPANY HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTED SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS TO VARIOUS TRADE ASSOCIATIONS THAT, IN TURN, MADE CONTRIBUTIONS WORTH MILLIONS TO THE RGA.”

IT IS THROUGH BUYING POLITICIANS THAT DUKE ENERGY HOPES TO CONTINUE TO HOLD THEIR MONOPOLY ON OUR ENERGY. THIS ALLOWS THEM TO RAISE OUR RATES AND CONTINUE TO INVEST IN FOSSIL FUELS. AND THAT’S EXACTLY WHY OUR WORK IS SO IMPORTANT. WE NEED TO RAISE UP LEADERS WHO STAND UP FOR THE BEST OF OUR PEOPLE, NOT THE POCKETBOOK OF POLLUTERS.



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SESSION 5 REFLECTION



SESSION 5 FOR B&C'S FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WAS KICKED OFF BY A REVIEW OF ELEVATOR PITCHES! AFTERWARD, EVERYONE REJOINED TOGETHER TO SHOW OFF THE HARD WORK THEY'VE BEEN PUTTING INTO FINALIZING THEIR PITCHES. THE FELLOWS WERE THEN SHOWN A VIDEO OF A REAL BOARD MEETING, ONE THAT SHOWED HOW PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE WAS STILL IMPLEMENTED IN A DISAGREEMENT SCENARIO.

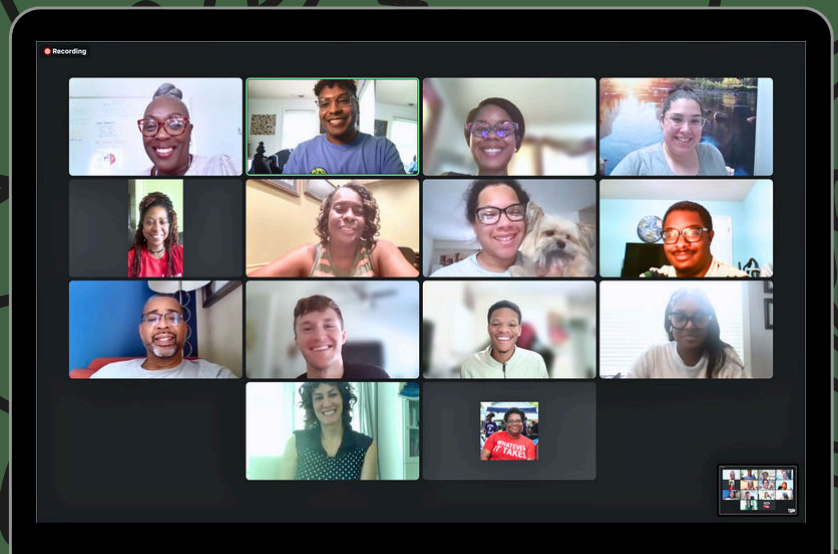
THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER THOROUGH REVIEW OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER BY ROBERT LEAK III, LEAD ORGANIZER FOR POWER UP NC, WINSTON-SALEM. EFFECTIVELY USING PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TO MOVE A MOTION AND ADVANCE A BOARD MEETING, IS VITAL KNOWLEDGE FOR THEIR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. A PUBLIC POLICY PRESENTATION WAS THEN GIVEN BY TREVOR FLANERY, PARTNERSHIP MANAGER FOR MDC'S LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS FOR PUBLIC FUNDING PROGRAM. HE PROVIDED OUR FELLOWS WITH GREAT INFORMATION ON BEING AWARE OF A TIMELINE FOR ADVOCATING FOR PUBLIC BUDGETS IN YOUR COMMUNITY. POWER MAPPING AND HOW TO ORGANIZE AND MEET TO ENGAGE WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED.



TREVOR FLANERY



ROBERT LEAK III



STAFF HIGHLIGHT

CARRIE CLARK



A LITTLE BIT ABOUT CARRIE:

“I GREW UP LEARNING ABOUT AND APPRECIATING NATURE, AND THE OFTEN-TIMES DEVASTATING IMPACT OUR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ACTIONS HAVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT. IN MY WORK WITH NCLCV, I’VE COME TO REALIZE THAT THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY IS TO BE ONE OF THE KEY PLACES WHERE THE LINE GETS DRAWN ON HOW WE PROTECT OUR NATURAL RESOURCES AND OUR COMMUNITIES. AND THAT, NO MATTER HOW RIGHT THE SCIENCE IS OR HOW WELL THE POLICY IS CRAFTED, IF YOU HAVE DECISION-MAKERS WHO DON’T CARE ABOUT THE PEOPLE OR THE ISSUE, YOU WON’T GET VERY FAR. SO, I REALLY BELIEVE IN THE WORK NCLCV AND NCLCVF ARE DOING TO CHANGE HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE AND WHO’S MAKING THEM. AND THAT’S WHY I’VE BEEN HERE FOR ABOUT 25 YEARS... THAT AND THE TEAM OF FOLKS WHO SHARE IN THIS WORK.”

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR THE TEAM CARRIE! - B&C

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS DAYS

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE OZONE LAYER - SEPTEMBER 16TH

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE OZONE LAYER IS A DAY MARKED TO SPREAD AWARENESS OF THE DEPLETION OF THE OZONE LAYER. THE OZONE LAYER IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE ITS PART OF EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE THAT ABSORBS MOST OF THE SUN'S ULTRAVIOLET (UV RAY) RADIATION, BEFORE IT REACHES OUR PLANET'S SURFACE. "UV-B RADIATION CAN CAUSE SKIN CANCER, CATARACTS, GENETIC DAMAGE, AND IMMUNE SYSTEM SUPPRESSION IN LIVING ORGANISMS. IT CAN ALSO DAMAGE CROPS, MARINE ORGANISMS, AND SOME MATERIALS." (EPA, 2024).

ONE WAY TO CONTRIBUTE IS TO

USE THIS DAY TO AVOID USING PESTICIDES. PESTICIDES ARE KNOWN TO LARGELY CONTRIBUTE TO OZONE DEPLETION, AND CAN BE HARMFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT IN GENERAL. INSTEAD OF USING THEM, REMOVE WEEDS MANUALLY, AND USE OTHER ECO-FRIENDLY METHODS TO REMOVE PESTS.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE DAY - SEPTEMBER 4TH

THIS DAY IS MEANT TO IMPROVE AWARENESS OF THE SPECIES AROUND US, LIKE ENDANGERED SPECIES, AS WELL AS THE PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS THAT GO INTO THEM.

"LOOK CLOSELY. THE CREATURES AND ANIMALS SHARING OUR WORLD LIVE UNDER OUR FEET AND IN THE SKY ABOVE US. OUR RIVERS, LAKES AND OCEANS ARE TEEMING WITH WILDLIFE OF ALL SIZES. IT'S ESSENTIAL TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE IMPACT THE HABITATS THAT ANIMALS NEED TO SURVIVE. THEIR HOMES SUPPLY THEIR FOOD AND SHELTER."

YOU CAN LEARN HOW TO GET INVOLVED BY REACHING OUT TO YOUR LOCAL ZOO, AVIARY, OR MARINE SANCTUARY!

FELLOWS ON THE MOVE!

CATHY LEAKE (2024 FELLOW)



CATHY LEAKE WAS SELECTED AS A DELEGATE FOR THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CHICAGO, SHE REPRESENTED NORTH CAROLINA'S 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, WHICH COVERS THE NORTHEASTERN STATE. CATHY WAS SELECTED TO BECOME ONE OF NINE DELEGATE WHIPS. THE WHIPS ARE CAPTAINS WHO ARE THE MAIN POINTS OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE DELEGATES AND THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN. CATHY WAS MOST EXCITED TO SPENDING A WEEK MAKING CONNECTIONS, HEARING GREAT SPEAKERS, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVING FUN.

[CHECK OUT HER INTERVIEW WITH SPECTRUM NEWS 1 NC!](#)

ANNETTE SKINNER-COLEMAN (2023 FELLOW)

ANNETTE WAS UNANIMOUSLY NOMINATED TO THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL! CONGRATULATIONS ANNETTE!



JEVON THOMAS (2024 FELLOW)



JEVON HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO BOTH THE PRIME MOVERS COMMITTEE, AND THE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. CONGRATULATIONS JEVON!

ANY FELLOWS THAT ARE IN NEED OF HEADSHOTS FOR PROFESSIONAL USE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO IVIS ROMERO: IVIS@NCLCV.ORG

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS

LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER 2ND

“THE HOLIDAY IS ROOTED IN THE LATE NINETEENTH CENTURY, WHEN LABOR ACTIVISTS PUSHED FOR A FEDERAL HOLIDAY TO RECOGNIZE THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS WORKERS HAVE MADE TO AMERICA'S STRENGTH, PROSPERITY, AND WELL-BEING.” THE VERY FIRST CELEBRATIONS FOR LABOR DAY OCCURRED IN THE 1800'S, AND THEY OCCURRED LOCALLY, AND WERE TYPICALLY ORGANIZED BY WORKERS AND UNIONS.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR:

- CLOSING: GIVE EMPLOYEES THE DAY OFF
- PARTIES: THROW A LABOR DAY PARTY OR PICNIC
- FESTIVITIES: RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEES WITH ACTIVITIES OR PRIVATE EVENTS
- FOOD: HOST A POTLUCK, BARBECUE, OR CATER A MEAL
- DROP OFF TREATS AT YOUR LOCAL FIRE STATION OR HOSPITAL

[LINK TO SOURCE FOR LABOR DAY](#)

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 15TH - OCTOBER 15TH

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (HHM) BEGAN IN 1968 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK UNDER PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON AS A WAY TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HISPANIC AMERICANS. TODAY, HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH IS MEANT TO RECOGNIZE THE CULTURE, HISTORY, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICANS WHO HAVE ANCESTORS FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, MEXICO, SPAIN, AND THE CARRIBEAN. EVEN IF YOUR FAMILY ISN'T FROM ANY OF THESE COUNTRIES, YOU CAN STILL CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, AND HONOR THE WONDERFUL TRADITIONS THAT LATINO, HISPANIC AND LATINX AMERICANS HAVE TO OFFER. DURING THIS MONTH, MANY CITIES WILL BE HOSTING FESTIVALS, CONCERTS, ART EXHIBITS, PARADES, ETC TO CELEBRATE. CHECK OUT SOME LOCAL EVENTS HERE!:

[LINK TO SOURCE FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH](#)

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT



LOCAL ARTIST, CIARA STEWART'S, ARTWORK IS A BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLE OF USING YOUR TALENTS TO UPLIFT, AS WELL AS RAISE AWARENESS OF IMPORTANT EVENTS WHERE PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNDERREPRESENTED IN THE COMMUNITY.



ABOUT THE ARTIST



CIARA ANAIS STEWART (B. 1994) IS A VISUAL ARTIST AND CULTURAL WORKER BORN AND RAISED IN BROOKLYN, NY. IN THE LAST DECADE OF HER LIFE, SHE HAS LIVED AND GROWN AS AN ARTIST IN NORTH CAROLINA, MOST OF THAT TIME SPENT IN DURHAM. IN 2021, STEWART EARNED HER BA IN ART, WITH A CONCENTRATION IN STUDIO ART FROM NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY. SHE IS CURRENTLY ARTSPACE'S 2024 HBCU ARTIST – IN – RESIDENCE.

STEWART'S ART PRACTICE IS PRIMARILY FOCUSED IN PRINTMAKING, HOWEVER, IT ENCOMPASSES SEVERAL MEDIUMS. SHE'S MADE ACRYLIC PAINTINGS, CHARCOAL AND OIL PASTEL DRAWINGS, COLLAGES AND PHOTOGRAPHS. RECENTLY, SHE'S BEEN EXPERIMENTING WITH COMBINING MANY OF THEM TO MAKE MIXED MEDIA WORKS OF ART. AS AN AFRICAN AMERICAN, PUERTO RICAN & CUBAN CULTURAL WORKER, STEWART'S ART IS CONCERNED WITH THE ACTS OF RESISTANCE AND TRIUMPHS OF HER PEOPLE. IN HER ART, SHE ALSO CELEBRATES AND HONORS HER FAMILY.

AMAZING WORK YOU ARE DOING, CIARA!

SCAN HERE TO FOLLOW
HER ON INSTAGRAM!:



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CIARA AND HER
ARTWORK CLICK HERE!**

[HTTPS://ARTSPACENC.ORG/STEWART-CIARA/](https://artspacenc.org/stewart-ciara/)

KEEP YOUR COMMITMENTS

SERVING ON AN ASSOCIATION BOARD, OR ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS OFTEN UNPAID VOLUNTEER WORK. ACKNOWLEDGING THIS FACTOR, THE WORK IS STILL VITAL, AND YOUR BOARD DEPENDS ON YOU.

A COMMITMENT IS NOT A TASK YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT, RATHER IT IS A PROMISE YOU MAKE TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE BETTERMENT AND ASSURANCE OF YOUR FELLOW BOARD MEMBERS.



YOUR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS TEAM



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