



# COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

Date: July 15, 2019  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Location: Common Council Chambers,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall

## AGENDA ITEMS

Item	Voting Item?	Presenter(s)	Time Allotted
		Chair, Lisa Swayze	
Call to Order	No		15 Mins
1.1 Agenda Review			
1.2 Review and Approval of Minutes			
1.3 Statements from the Public			
1.4 Commission Response			
Public Art: Follow-up on Murals Subcommittee/Public Art Working Group – Commission Project Plan	?	Rusty Keeler	30 Mins
Housing: No item on Agenda			
Youth: No item on Agenda			
Communities: Follow-up Cornell Contributions	No	Caroline Byrne & Sean Hillson	15 Mins
Sustainability: CLC Action on Shopping Carts	Yes	Jody Scriber/Ishaan Bakhle	15 Mins
Look Ahead: Agenda Review			15 Mins
Meeting Wrap-Up	No	All	7:30 PM
9.1 Announcements: Sexual Harassment Trng & Acknowledgements			
9.2 Next Meeting Date: August 19, 2019			
9.3 Review Agenda Items for Next Meeting			
9.4 Adjourn			

The Community Life Commission is charged with providing the Common Council, appropriate committees thereof, the City's quasi-judicial boards, and staff with advisory research, public input, and analysis for ensuring that the City of Ithaca remains a desirable place to live, work, and visit.

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## COMMISSION PROJECT PLAN

ASSIGNED COMMISSION	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety and Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Life	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobility, Accessibility and Transportation
REPORT UP TO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Administration Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning and Economic Development Committee
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor	<input type="checkbox"/> Common Council
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Staff (specify): <u>Jeanne Grace</u>

### 1. Project Title, Description and Background

**i** Give this project a title, describe how it came about, the purpose, and who is involved

#### Shopping Cart Ordinance Update

Residents (particularly downtown) have identified abandoned shopping carts as a blight to neighborhood aesthetics, a hazard to the public, and an obstruction to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. City staff finds the current ordinance time-consuming to enforce and ineffective. We have proposed ordinance changes and have received initial feedback from retailers. Council would like a well-researched and well-vetted recommendation for updates to the existing ordinance.

### 2. Project Deliverables

**i** Please check off and describe below the exact deliverable(s) you are expecting from the Commission, and add details as needed.

Research the topic and provide a summary report on your findings. Include any recommendations along with reasons for the recommendations. (Requires a vote of the commission)

Review a program, process or legislation from Council and provide feedback on the pros and cons. Report back should indicate whether the commission supports the program, does not support the program, or is neutral, along with the reasons why. (Requires a vote of the commission)

Arrange for a public presentation on the topic, gather feedback, solicit questions, and synthesize feedback in a findings report. (Vote of commission not required)

- Gather feedback from retailers on the proposed ordinance change
- Gather feedback from people most likely to take shopping carts and/or the organizations that work with them
- Propose a change in legislation (likely based off draft already presented to City Administration)
- Propose ways to mitigate the impact on populations who need ways to transport their groceries

### 3. City Staff Participation

**i** Describe below the expectations of City Staff to support this work. List names of City Staff assigned to assist.

City Forester Jeanne Grace and her crew are responsible for picking up abandoned shopping carts when they're unable to perform other work. Jeanne can provide insight into the shortcomings and issues with the current shopping cart ordinance and what her preferred solutions would be.

### 4. Resources/Materials

**i** List below any existing materials or resources that should be reviewed by the Commission as part of their work.

Aldersperson Nguyen presented a draft of a new shopping cart ordinance to the City Administration Committee, sent letters summarizing the changes to retailers known to have significant shopping cart inventories, and has feedback from two of those retailers. The Twitter account @ithacascenery documents abandoned shopping carts around the city.

### 5. Other Stakeholders or Community Partners

**i** List below any other parties that should be included in the discussion or planning of this topic.

Ithaca Housing Authority operates Titus Towers, which houses one of the largest collections of shopping carts in Ithaca outside of a retailer. Their residents have a clear need for ways to transport their groceries.

### 6. Timeline and Milestones

**i** Please complete the following milestone dates, if known at this time.  
Public input dates are required only if the project is to gather public input.

Progress Report 1: MONTH/YEAR <u>Aug 2019</u>	Public Input 1: MONTH/YEAR _____	Final Deliverables Due: MONTH/YEAR <u>Nov 2019</u>
Progress Report 2: MONTH/YEAR _____	Public Input 2: MONTH/YEAR _____	