



# TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL

March 17, 2026

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

Time: 6:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers | 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711

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1. CALL TO ORDER
  2. QUORUM
  3. PUBLIC COMMENT
  4. AGENDA
  5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
    - 5.A. Minutes of February 2026 -  
Motion:
  6. OLD BUSINESS
  7. NEW BUSINESS
    - 7.A. Discussion about meeting with Richard Hicks, Interim Town Manager -  
Motion:

**7.B. Sidewalk Survey -**

Motion:

**7.C. Town Updates (if any) -**

Motion:

**8. DISCUSSION**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Active Mobility Commission Minutes**  
**February 17, 2026**

**I. Call to Order**

Julie White called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**II. Quorum**

Members Present: Jeremy Claeys, Julie White, Kristie Bergna, Karen Neal, Lisa Raleigh, Janice Rausch

Staff Present: Jennifer Tipton

Public Present: Jake, Eddie

**III. Public Comment**

- a. Jake and Eddie were interested in the Commission due to Julie's Town Council presentation. Both are looking for ways to be more involved in the community.

**IV. Agenda - review and modify**

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

**V. Adoption of Minutes**

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed and adopted by consensus.

**VI. Old Business**

No old business to review.

**VII. New Business**

**a. Review of Presentation to Council**

The presentation went well, and the Town Council commented that they appreciated getting the materials in advance. They also communicated support for the crosswalks proposed at the 40 on and off ramps.

**b. AMC Meetings (how staff consultation & input is best used to help commission)**

All present commission members expressed concerns with the way new town staff are interacting with the commission. Jennifer suggested that as a group we speak to the Interim Town Manager, Jennifer will assist by finding out if this can be a closed door session and if he will be available to meet at the March meeting. It was also agreed to consult the town ethics code and use that as reference for future interactions.

**c. Sidewalk Plans**

The commission reviewed the town sidewalk plan from Spring 2008, Jennifer confirmed that this was the hopeful plan, however the budget was never available. No sidewalk budget is available in this fiscal year. Kristie is going to start a sidewalk map with the current sidewalks, and the commission will review

priority areas to add future sidewalks, crosswalks, etc. Priority areas will be based on population centers and service areas of town.

**d. Report from Staff**

Jennifer will email the commission information after the status update meeting on the Oaks Trail Development. Black Mountain is expecting ~10 properties to become town property after the Helene buy backs are completed. This process can take up to two years. Black Mountain will have public comment before any property developments, however development options will be very restricted. Jennifer and Jeremy will look up easement information for properties along the Flat Creek Greenway.

**VIII. Discussion**

**IX. Adjournment**

Julie White adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm