



CARY

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TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- **INTRODUCTIONS**

- **CARLA WITHERINGTON**

 - Local Government Basics | Cary's Culture | Cary 101 Overview

- **VIRGINIA JOHNSON**

 - Town Clerk's Office | Council & Elections | Boards & Commissions

- **NICK YATES**

 - Origins of Cary

- **BREAK**

- **JESSICA MURPHY-RHEM, MIKE FRANKS, & MICHELLE BROOKS**

 - Finance & Budget | Group Activity

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS



CLASS INTRODUCTIONS

- YOUR NAME
- HOW LONG YOU'VE LIVED IN CARY
- WHAT YOU'RE MOST EXCITED ABOUT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BASICS

FORMS OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

COMMISSION

Voters elect individual commissioners to a small governing board

One is designated as chairman or president

Each commissioner is responsible for 1 specific aspect: fire, police, public works, finance, etc.

MAYOR-COUNCIL

Mayor is often full-time

Mayor typically has veto powers

Mayor has appointment and firing powers for department heads

COUNCIL-MANAGER

Council hires a professional city manager/ "CEO"

Mayor is part of Council

Elected officials are a legislative body and the community's policy maker

CARY TOWN MANAGERS

- Howard Stewart, 1961-1966
- Lexie Lane, 1967-1972
- Harry Conte, 1972-1974
- Charles Williams, 1975-1978
- Braxton Matthews, 1978-1985
- James Summers, 1985-1987
- James (Jim) Westbrook, Jr., 1988-1994
- William B. (Bill) Coleman, Jr., 1994-2008
- Benjamin (Ben) T. Shivar, 2009-2015
- Sean R. Stegall, 2016-Present



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CARY'S CULTURE

“ONECARY” CULTURE

BUILD ON OUR LEGACY

**CHALLENGE THE STANDARD FOR HOW
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD OPERATE**

DARE TO THINK DIFFERENTLY

PEOPLE FIRST



We exist to build community and take care of people.

EVOLUTION



**We seize opportunities to experiment,
learn, and adapt to create a better future.**

ANYONE CAN LEAD



We differentiate leadership from authority and believe that everyone can find ways to make our community better.

WORKING SMART



We prioritize work on the most important things.

DEFINITIONS OF SUCCESS

CARY CITIZENS KNOW WE ARE A COMMITTED PARTNER

CARY CITIZENS KNOW WE ARE TRUSTED STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

CREATE PUBLIC VALUE THAT ENHANCES THE LIVES WE TOUCH

BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND IMPLEMENT THE VISION OF THE IMAGINE CARY PLAN



CARY 101 OVERVIEW