

Minutes - Draft

**PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services
Committee**

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

2:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available

(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,

(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV

Meeting Started At: 2:00 PM

Attendance: Commissioner Johnson, Rader, Davis-Johnson, Bradshaw, Patrick and Terry;

Present 3 - Member Jeff Rader, Chairperson Larry Johnson, and Member Mereda Davis Johnson

I. MINUTES

2021-2159 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the January 26, 2020 Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Member Rader, Chairperson Johnson, and Member Davis Johnson

II. STATUS UPDATE

2021 Revitalization Resolution

- multiphase plan for revitalization; quarterly report coming in June & November
- will reconvene in 30 days to explore progress on this; at that time we can look at passing a revitalization effort
- Comment LJ: please include Youth Services and Seniors in part of this revitalization strategy
- include on March 9 PECS

III. DISCUSSION

Partnership For Southern Equity

- presentation by Nathaniel Smith, CEO PSE, Suzanne Burnes, Just Growth Director
- Comment MDJ: please provide a copy of this presentation for the BOC to review

- Question JR: can you expand on the level of effort and prioritization needed to support this line of inquiry?
Comment JR: suggest that committee request a response from CEO & Staff to have an effort such as this. Maybe develop a plan with the governing authority, then we can create a resolution at our next meeting to explore this. Let's have this available by March 9 PECS

Question TT: opportunity for engagement for equitable policies: discussion in Public Works committee on consent decree and Water & Sewer; increase in real wages in America in 2020, but there's a section in the economy that have been negatively impacted more than others. Going forward, do we invest in Water & Sewer more in certain parts of the County. How can we create an equitable rate structure in DeKalb?

-Comment LJ: NACo is also working on a nationwide strategy for this aim as well

-Motion to establish collaborative effort with Governing Authority to pursue Equity Plan for DeKalb County in conjunction with Central Staff and CEO. Proposal come back to this committee then go to the governing authority to include a roadmap and means by which we can identify and procure the resources needed for this effort.

Motion JR

Second MDJ Vote:

yes unanimous

IV. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

2020-1470

Commission District(s): 4

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) at the Stone Mountain-Sue Kellogg Library: for use by the Library (DCPL). Consists of piggybacking from the competitively let Statewide Contract (SWC) No. 99999-001-SPD0000100 for FF&E to accompany the renovation of the Stone Mountain-Sue Kellogg Library. Awarded to Agati, Inc., Arcadia Chair Company, Ditto Sales, Inc. dba Versteel, Egan Visual International, Everest Expedition, LLC dba SNAP! Office, Keilhauer LTD, Krueger International, Inc., LIAT, LLC and Safco Products, Inc. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$209,528.51.

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/23/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Member Rader, Chairperson Johnson, and Member Davis Johnson

-CEO office: saves county 24% off list price of these items

-Question JR: is this approval in the budget?

Yes

-Question MDJ: let's explore competitive bidding

2021-2039

Commission District(s): All

Amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program Funds, to include Funding allocations for CDBG-CV1 and CV3 of \$6.8 million; ESG-CV1 and CV3 of \$5.4 million in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic for a total of \$12.2 million.

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-Question JR: how strongly structured is this allocation by the guidelines of the CDBG?

A Mitchell: there is an income cap, other provisions and requirements needed to spend rapidly toward this purpose

-Comment LJ: we can't only provide funding to shelters; we need a problem-solving approach to homelessness and housing policy

-Question TT: how does the small business portion work?

A Mitchell: small business loan program is multifaceted in financial aid, job creation

[2021-2149](#) Commission District(s): Districts 3 and 6
GEFA Loan for Glen Emerald Lake and Dam Renovation
MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/23/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Member Rader, Chairperson Johnson, and Member Davis Johnson

No Additional Information Requested;

[2021-2151](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6
CO - Change Order No.1 to Contract No.1233520 for Glen Emerald Lake Dam Repair (365 days): for used by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the rehabilitation of the dam located at Glen Emerald Lake Park. Awarded to Reeves Young, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$470,913.63.
MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/23/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Member Rader, Chairperson Johnson, and Member Davis Johnson

No Additional Information Requested;

[2021-2148](#) Commission District(s): All
Appointment to the Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority - Karen Leeper Bennett
MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 2/23/2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Member Rader, Chairperson Johnson, and Member Davis Johnson

No Additional Information Requested;

Meeting Ended At: 3:39 PM

MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Member Rader, Chairperson Johnson, and Member Davis Johnson

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC