

Minutes - Draft

PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, (Chair)

Commissioner Robert Patrick, Member

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Member

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:33PM

Attendees: Commissioners Long Spears, Patrick, Terry, Bradshaw

Present 3 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

I. MINUTES

2024-0894 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the July 9, 2024 Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Patrick, and Commissioner Bradshaw

II. APPOINTMENT INTERVIEWS

Chief Executive Office

[2024-0906](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Appointment to the DeKalb County Hospital Authority - Ms. Shunda Harper.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/13/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Bradshaw**

-interview conducted by the Committee to Dr. Harper

[2024-0844](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Reappointment to the Development Authority of DeKalb County - Mr.
Kevin Gooch.
Reappointment to the Private Hospital Authority of DeKalb County -
Mr. Kevin Gooch.
Reappointment to the Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly
Authority - Mr. Kevin Gooch.
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the
Board of Commissioners due back on 8/13/2024 .**

-not heard in committee

[2024-0845](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Reappointment to the Development Authority of DeKalb County - Mr.
Don Bolia.
Reappointment to the Private Hospital Authority of DeKalb County -
Mr. Don Bolia.
Reappointment to the Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly
Authority - Mr. Don Bolia.
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve
Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to
the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/13/2024. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Patrick, and
Commissioner Bradshaw**

-interview conducted by the Committee to Mr. Bolia

[2024-0846](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Reappointment to the Development Authority of DeKalb County - Mr.
Andrew Greenberg.
Reappointment to the Private Hospital Authority of DeKalb County -
Mr. Andrew Greenberg.
Reappointment to the Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly
Authority - Mr. Andrew Greenberg.
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the
Board of Commissioners due back on 8/13/2024 .**

-not heard in committee

- [2024-0847](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Reappointment to the Development Authority of DeKalb County - Ms. Rebekah Coblentz.
Reappointment to the Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Authority - Ms. Rebekah Coblentz.
Reappointment to the Private Hospital Authority - Ms. Rebekah Coblentz.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/13/2024 .

-not heard in committee

III. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs

- [2024-0805](#) Commission District(s): 3 & 6
LB - Invitation No. 24-101650 Pool Renovation at NH Scott Park (Multiyear): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of the renovation of the pool, pool site, and all things necessary to complete the renovation. Recommend award to the sole responsive and responsible bidder: Summit Properties and Development Co., LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$3,662,368.81.
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/13/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

*-this item is supported by OIIA review
-information provided by Director Ellis*

WALK-ON PLACEHOLDER

Board of Commissioners - District 2

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Resolution Establishing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund for DeKalb County, Georgia

-agenda item recommended holding in committee

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Chief Executive Office

[2024-0593](#) Commission District(s): All.
Appropriation of Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA 2”) funds to several DeKalb Non-Profit Agencies for assistance with the DeKalb County “Integrated Community Care Initiative” in an aggregate amount of \$13,000,000.
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/13/2024 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

Board of Commissioners - Super District 6

[2023-0835](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution to Commit to the Transformation of the South River Forest by Adopting the Recommendations of the “Explore South River Forest” Report and For the Administration to Prepare and Deliver an Implementation Plan
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/13/2024 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

[2023-0526](#) Commission District(s): District 3, 6, and all commission districts
A Resolution to Encourage DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond to End the Executive Order Closing Intrenchment Creek Park and to Reopen It to the Public As Soon As Possible
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/13/2024 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2024-0663](#)

Commission District(s): District 2

A Resolution Adopting a Contextualization Statement for the Cannon Previously Removed from the Decatur Courthouse Square

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/13/2024 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

IV. DISCUSSION

ARC Explore South River Forest Report

-presentation provided by Sam Shenbaga - ARC Community Development Director

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry regarding the context of the ARC South River Forest report and agenda items 2023-0835 and 2023-0526

-Question TT: could you discuss from ARC's perspective - how do 2 different local jurisdictions do a master plan?

-response provided by Mr. Shenbaga

-Question TT: so your recommendation would be to coordinate with the ARC to bring these aspects together

S Shenbaga: that's correct

-Question TT: could you discuss more how this will work in the context of the details of the master plan?

-response provided by Mr. Shenbaga

-TT: I would like to hear from the committee their thoughts that I tweak this resolution (2023-0835) to be more specific to Mr. Shenbaga's discussion - the Administration coordinate with Atlanta and the ARC to develop the components needed to begin the master plan process. Is there any concern about going in that direction?

-Question MLS: phase I ended in January 2023; you hosted several committee meetings?

S Shenbaga: that's correct

-Question MLS: so the next steps discussed are the joint master planning process between DeKalb County and the City of Atlanta. How long do you anticipate that process taking?

S Shenbaga: you're looking at a minimum of a year, close to 2 years, depending on how the timeline is impacted by how the community engagement strategy looks; additional comments provided by Mr. Shenbaga

-Question MLS: is there any reason we couldn't start a year sooner than a year out?

-response provided by Mr. Shenbaga

-Question MLS: is this something that we're looking for the ARC to manage and be the point entity?

-response provided by COO Williams

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-Question RP: would it not be wise to withdraw the original resolution and put forward a modified request for a procurement item?

-TT: my proposal is that we change the be it further resolved section in agenda item 2023-0835, draft a substitute asking the Administration work with the ARC, City of Atlanta regarding the master plan, then bring it back to committee; regarding the Intrenchment Creek Park item, I would be fine with withdrawing that item once the substitute language is fleshed out; additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question RP: could you put together a map that details DeKalb vs City of Atlanta?

S Shenbaga: yes

DeKalb County Behavioral Health Coalition

-introduction of the DeKalb County Behavioral Health Coalition by Commissioner Long Spears, CEO Van Der Merwe of Claratel Behavioral Health, and several community partners
-presentation provided by CEO Van Der Merwe
-Question TT: could you discuss what it means from the State perspective to have local buy-in in this effort?
-responses provided by CEO Van Der Merwe, Dr. Thompson
-Question MLS: if questions from the public are received, could they email you?
-Van Der Merwe: yes my email is fabiov@claratel.org
-comments provided by Dr. Valenciano, Dr. Owen-Smith regarding Question #1 - How can we better understand our community's needs?
-Question MLS: do you believe 6 months is sufficient to collect the data needed, particularly from the non-English speaking population
-discussion amongst Coalition members regarding Question #2 - What are some populations in our area that likely have unmet needs?
-Question RP: is this the prenatal care involved, as well as post-partum depression?
-responses provided by Coalition members
-Question MLS: Director Scott you discussed unmet needs regarding the senior population - could you speak more on those unmet needs, and how our senior centers are conduits for that need?
-response provided by Director Scott
-discussion amongst Coalition members regarding Question #3 - What are the gaps in the current service delivery model?
-discussion amongst Coalition members regarding the barriers to access for care
-closing comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears, Commissioner Terry
-next steps provided by CEO Van Der Merwe

Meeting Ended At: 5:15PM

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Commissioner Long Spears, and Commissioner Patrick

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Bradshaw

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC