



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Department of Community Development
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Golden Belt Building 2, Suite 200



Minutes - Regular Meeting September 24, 2012

The Durham Citizens Advisory Committee met on the above date and time with the following members present: DeWarren Langley (Chairman), April Johnson (Secretary), Dilcy Burton, Delvin Davis, Roger L. Loyd, Anthony Royster (phone) and Will Sutton.

Excused Absence: SaKoyra Bullock (Vice Chairwoman), Richard Fuqua, Clark Grundler, and Paula Thomas.

Others Present: Reginald Johnson (Interim Director, Department of Community Development), Wilmur Conyers (Federal Programs Coordinator, Department of Community Development), Warren Wooten (Project Coordinator, The Wooten Company), and Andrew Cummings (Assistant County Manager for Special Projects, Durham County Government).

Subject: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Langley at 6:12pm who welcomed everyone.

Subject: Roll Call

Chairman Langley called roll. Chairman Langley noted that he received prior notification from Committee Members Bullock, Fuqua, Grundler and Thomas of their inability to attend the meeting thus their absences were excused.

He acknowledged the presence of a quorum.

Subject: Action on Agenda

Chairman Langley asked the Committee to review the agenda and make any additions and/or modifications followed by action on the agenda.

Motion by Chairman Langley and seconded by Committee Member Davis to remove the Draft FY 2011-2012 Annual Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee and approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

Subject: Action on Minutes

Chairman Langley asked the Committee to review the minutes from the regular meeting held on

August 27, 2012 and make any additions and/or modifications followed by action on the minutes.

Motion by Chairman Langley and seconded by Committee Member Sutton to the minutes from the regular meeting held on August 27, 2012 with corrections. The motion was approved unanimously.

Subject: Rougemont Groundwater Pollution Problem & Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to NC Department of Commerce

Andrew Cummings, Assistant County Manager for Special Projects with Durham County Government provided a presentation on the Rougemont Groundwater Pollution Problem & Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application to NC Department of Commerce. Mr. Cummings introduced Warren Wooten, Community Development Project Coordinator with the Wooten Company serving as a Consultant to Durham County Government. Mr. Cummings noted that Mr. Wooten could answer any technical questions for the Committee.

Mr. Cummings reported that the petroleum groundwater pollution in Downtown Rougemont has been an issue for the community for about 25 years. The pollution is one of the factors that prevent economic development in that community. He noted that citizens of Rougemont approached the county a year ago to find a solution to the problem. Mr. Cummings explained that Durham County Government is applying for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding under the Infrastructure category with the North Carolina Department of Commerce to resolve the Rougemont Water Pollution Program by creating a Community Well System. Originally a roughly 3.25 mile extension of a City of Roxboro water line southwards across the county line to downtown Rougemont was foreseen as the best available and permanent solution, however the staff of Durham County Government were not comfortable with moving forward with the more expensive water line option thus the Community Well System approach. He noted that Durham County Government completed a pre-application and received an invitation to apply for CDBG funds under the Contingency Infrastructure Program for up to \$600,000. The Durham Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing during their regular meeting on August 13, 2012. Mr. Cummings noted that the second public hearing would be held this evening.

The Wooten Company is paid by the County to help with the application process for CDBG funds. Durham County is currently applying for the Contingency Infrastructure CDGB program administered by the State of North Carolina. The funds will be used to implement the necessary infrastructure for remediation and clean water distribution.

Alternatively, Mr. Cummings noted that the idea to extend the City of Roxboro's waterline to Rougemont came with a probable price tag of \$3 million. He explained that Durham County Government had convinced the State to do a more in-depth study of water engineering research for the area. The engineering report is due back to the County in the Spring of 2013. The report will site possible locations for wells and what areas the wells could serve.

Cummings called on the Committee to assist the County how to further use CDBG funding to mitigate pollution issues in Rougemont.

Mr. Cummings also provided an update on the Scattered Site Housing Funds. According to Mr. Cummings last year Durham County Government received \$400,000 in funds and the next three-year cycle will only provide \$225,000 in funding to support affordable housing for low income families living in Durham County. The grant comes from the North Carolina Department of Commerce and

an application to reapply for the grant will be submitted by the end of October 2012. A response should be received within 35-45 days after submission.

Chairman Langley asked Mr. Cummings how the Committee could better serve Durham County Government as it relates to the two grant applications presented to the Committee. Mr. Cummings responded by asking the Committee's assistance for how to approach the cyclical funding of the Scattered Housing Program. Last year, Durham County Government used the money for home construction, backup housing funding, flex funding for other programs and the funds were used for urgent home repairs.

Subject: Draft FY 2011-2012 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Wilmur Conyers, Federal Programs Coordinator for the Department of Community Development provided an overview of the draft FY 2011-2012 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). Ms. Conyers commented that the CAPER is the city's report card on how it expended certain federal dollars for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds including some limited information on Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program funds. She stated that the draft report is available for public viewing for 15 days and is now nearing the end of the 15-day viewing. After this time period the report will be submitted to HUD by September 28, 2012.

Chairman Langley instructed members to submit their comments to him via email which would then be transmitted to staff for inclusion in the draft FY 2011-2012 CAPER.

Subject: Update | Southside Revitalization Project

Reginald Johnson, Interim Director of the Department of Community Development reported that the Southside Revitalization project is moving forward and on schedule. The tax credit closing was held today with the tax investor at US Bank and developers McCormack, Baron, Salazar. The \$10,000,000 tax credit was successfully closed today. He noted the developers signed a contract today with general contractor H. J. Russell & Co. and Metcon, Inc. which are both minority companies.

Subject: Update Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Process

Chairman Langley distributed a memo from Lloyd Schmeidler, Project Manager for the Department of Community Development. The memo provided information about the CoC application workshop scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2012 at 2pm. CoC applications are due on Friday October 26, 2012 at 3pm.

Subject: Committee Concerns, Suggestions, & Ideas

Chairman Langley asked members of the Committee if there were any concerns, suggestions and/or ideas.

Chairman Langley commented that he spoke with Lee Worsley, Deputy County Manager for Durham County Government who will present an update on the Whitted School Redevelopment

Project at the October meeting. Mr. Worsley will forward a copy of the two Request for Proposals (RFP) to Chairman Langley which will be disseminated to the Committee.

Secretary Johnson asked if the Report on the History of the City of Durham-Durham County Citizens Advisory Committee completed by Dr. Charles Recktenwald, former member and Chairman of the Committee, provides any history of the Committee's involvement with Durham County Government community development projects. Chairman Langley responded that the report did not provide any history or insight on the CAC's previous relations with County entitlement funds.

Subject: Announcements

Mr. Johnson informed that Project Homeless Connect will be held on October 11, 2012 10am-4pm. The organizational meetings for the event are held on Thursdays at 2:30pm.

Subject: Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
April Johnson, Secretary

Minutes approved on October 22, 2012