



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, February 2, 2015

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Chambers

Worksession

“Public Charge”

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As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the meeting.

9:00 am Worksession Agenda

1. Citizen Comments (30 min)

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Citizen Comments (30 min)

Agenda Text:

The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at the beginning of its Worksession meeting on the first Monday of each month. Any citizen of Durham County wishing to speak shall have an opportunity to do so. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate. Speakers must sign in prior to the start of the meeting providing a mail/email address and telephone number so that staff may reply to comments and/or questions. Citizens who request an immediate response from the Board are encouraged to submit a brief description of the issue to the Clerk to the Board two weeks prior to the Worksession to allow an opportunity for research prior to the meeting. **All speakers shall have three minutes to speak and are requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.**

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: Citizen engagement aligns with all five of the strategic goals by allowing the Board to receive comments and

concerns from the community related to important issues in Durham County.

RESOURCE PERSONS: V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk to the Board

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive citizen comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

2. Discussion Items:

15-256 Discussion of Appointment to Workforce Development Board

Agenda Text: The Board is requested by the Workforce Development Board to rescind the action taken on Monday, January 26, 2015 to appoint DeWarren Langley to the Workforce Development Board in the Community-Based Organization vacant position.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: (brief statement and relevant goal)

RESOURCE PERSONS: Lowell Siler, County Attorney; V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk; Kevin Dick, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board hear the concerns, and if desired, suspend the rules to take further action.

[15-247](#) Status Update from Made in Durham

Agenda Text: The Board is requested receive an update from Made in Durham on progress to serve disconnected youth.

Made in Durham is a public-private partnership committed to ensuring all Durham youth and young adults complete a postsecondary credential and begin a rewarding career by the age of 25. Partners are committed to helping youth and young adults, ages 14-24 navigate through education and into work - an education-to-career system.

Working with community partners, Made in Durham intends to create a system where every young person:

- Completes a high school degree or equivalency
- Engages in work experiences that will prepare them for a career
- Enters postsecondary education and completes a credential
- Secures living-wage work

On May 21, 2014, Made in Durham requested support of its program during a joint meeting of the Durham City Council, Durham Public Schools Board of

Education and the Board of County Commissioners. The BOCC requested that Made in Durham provide an update on activities and progress since its May 21st presentation.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: This presentation aligns with Goal 1: Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment with goals to provide access to educational, vocational and economic opportunities and to empower citizens to select strategies that improve their quality of life.

RESOURCE PERSONS: Jack Bailey, Made in Durham Executive Board; Ann Oshel, Chief Community Relations Officer, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare; Kevin Dick, Director of Office of Economic and Workforce Development, City of Durham

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the status update from Made in Durham on progress to support disconnected youth.

[15-214](#)

Durham County Judicial Building Renovation - Programming and Pre-design Update

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive an update on the programming and pre-design activities for the proposed Durham County Judicial Building Renovation project. On June 23, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners awarded a contract to O'Brien/Atkins Associates, P.A. to provide programming and preliminary design services on the project.

A series of meetings with the potential occupants of the building were held as part of the programming and preliminary design phase of the project. The programming and pre-design activities are nearing completion and the architect will provide an update to the Board.

Upon completion of the programming and pre-design phase the next phase will be to enter into the design phase of the project. The purpose of this update is to present the programming and pre-design findings to the BOCC and to receive input prior to beginning the actual design phase.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: This aligns with Goal 4 - Environmental Stewardship - through the improvement of the environmental performance of County buildings to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions from the built environment. The relocation of various departments into this facility also addresses Goal 5 by providing more efficient service delivery and better customer service.

RESOURCE PERSONS: Lee Worsley, Deputy County Manager; Peri Manns, ASLA, Senior Project Manager; Kevin Montgomery, FAIA, O'Brien/Atkins Associates, P.A. and Josh Brady, AIA, O'Brien/Atkins Associates, P.A.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the update and provide direction staff as appropriate.

[15-232](#)

Presentation from Griffin & Strong, P.C. on Disparity Study

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive a presentation from Griffin & Strong, P.C. on the results of the MWBE Disparity Study. On August 26, 2013, the Board authorized the County Manager to enter into a contract with Griffin & Strong, P.C. to conduct a disparity study of Durham County's contracting and procurement activities with minority and women businesses. Mr. Rodney Strong, lead Consultant and other team members will provide a 20-30 minute overview of the study and present their findings and recommendations to the Board. (See attached PowerPoint documentation).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: To align with *Goal 1 Community and Family Prosperity and Enrichment*, creating awareness and engagement by allowing citizens to know about Durham County's Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) program and efforts in providing contracting opportunities.

RESOURCE PERSONS: Mr. Rodney Strong, Griffin & Strong, P.C.; Jacqueline Boyce, Procurement Manager; and George K. Quick, Chief Financial Officer

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation from the Consultant and direct staff to modify the existing Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) program with recommendations reported and place the item on future consent agenda for the Board's approval of a revised MWBE Ordinance.

Attachments:

[Durham ExecSummary Presentation IGSrev.pptx](#)

[15-249](#)

Discussion of Sidewalks in the County

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to discuss the issue of sidewalks outside the City limits.

Several years ago, the NC General Assembly took away municipal authority to unilaterally annex urbanized areas. Despite this change in annexation authority, the population of Durham County will continue to expand and more portions of unincorporated County will *feel* urban or suburban. County residents, especially in urbanizing areas, will demand (or at least desire!) more and more urban infrastructure, including sidewalks.

Since all public roads in unincorporated areas are NCDOT roads, sidewalks built along those roads would require NCDOT permission and would be built in NCDOT right-of-way. Typically, neither counties nor NCDOT have been in the

sidewalk construction or maintenance business. Though NCDOT does sometimes add this kind of pedestrian infrastructure within the context of a broader road improvement / construction project, they always require that another entity assume long-term maintenance responsibilities.

The attached memo explores some of the positives and negatives of engaging with NCDOT on some unincorporated areas of the County where additional, state-funded sidewalks are proposed.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: Increasing pedestrian connectivity is a goal mirrored in several sections of the County Strategic Plan as well as the joint City-County Economic Development Strategic Plan.

RESOURCE PERSONS: Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: The County Manager recommends that the Board discuss the issue of sidewalks outside the City limits.

Attachments: [Sidewalk Memo 1-21-15](#)

3. Adjournment