

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, January 28, 2018

7:00 P.M. Regular Session

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Chambers, Second Floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina

Present: Chair Wendy Jacobs, Vice-Chair James Hill and Commissioners Heidi Carter, Brenda Howerton and Ellen Reckhow

Presider: Chair Wendy Jacobs

Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Adjustments

Commissioner Howerton asked for a motion to add the RN Harris students and staff to the announcements to make a brief presentation.

Commissioner Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Reckhow to add the RN Harris students and staff to the announcements.

The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Chair Jacobs read the following announcements:

- 1. GoTriangle Board Approves Free Fare for Unpaid Federal Workers** – GoTriangle's Board of Trustees voted at the January 23, 2019 meeting to offer free fare on all of the agency's routes to federal employees required to work during the prolonged government shutdown.

Federal workers are asked to show only their government IDs to bus operators when boarding. Route maps are available at www.gotriangle.org and for additional questions, please call 919-485-7433.

- 2. LIEAP - Low Income Energy Assistance Program:** LIEAP will be open to ALL Durham County residents, January 2 - March 31, 2019. Applications will be taken at the Department of Social Services in the Crisis Lobby #27 Monday - Friday at 414 East Main Street from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Call 919-560-8000 to schedule your LIEAP appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. The LIEAP Program assists with heating only. Bring a photo ID, Social Security card, income verification and verification of heating source-heating bill to your appointment.

3. 2019 Golden Leaf Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted - Do you know of a Durham property that's outstanding for its design, preservation, curb appeal, or stewardship of the natural and built environment? Nominate it now for the 2019 Golden Leaf Awards. The Durham City-County Appearance Commission and Keep Durham Beautiful are currently seeking property nominations to recognize new developments, buildings, and landscaping in Durham County that provide positive attributes to the community's-built environment.

The award categories are Neighborhood Garden & Landscape; Hearth & Home; Adaptive Reuse-Old Building New Design; Small Development (under 12,000 sq. ft.); Large Development (over 12000 sq. ft.); and Keep Durham Beautiful. Nominations can now be submitted at www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com and are due by Friday, February 15. Any projects completed within the last five years that have not already received a Golden Leaf Award are eligible. Awards will be presented at a ceremony in April 2019.

For more information, visit www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com or contact Senior Planner Kayla Seibel with the Durham City-County Planning Department at Kayla.Seibel@DurhamNC.gov or (919) 560-4137, ext. 28271.

4. Durham YouthWork Program Seeks Local Employers to Host Youth Interns - This program, now in its 16th year, has a goal to grow from serving approximately 200 youth each summer to serving more than 1,000 youth within the next three years. In 2019, the goal is to offer more than 300 paid youth summer internship opportunities, and local employers are needed to make this a reality.

This year's expo will be held on Saturday, February 23 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Chesterfield Building, located at 107 W. Main St. in downtown Durham.

For more information about hosting summer interns and/or participating in the 2019 Durham YouthWork Job Expo, interested employers should visit the City's website or contact Business Services Manager Jamie Vaughn with the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 560-4965 ext. 15221 or James.Vaughn@DurhamNC.gov.

5. Boys of Color Conference – My Brother's Keeper Durham and North Carolina Central University Male Achievement Center (M.A.C) will kick-off their inaugural conference on April 13, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Miller Morgan Auditorium located at 1801 Fayetteville St (NCCU Campus).

This year's theme is Be the Change: The Re-Dedication to Black Male Achievement. This event is free and is aimed for males ages 14 and up. Pre-registration is suggested at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-boys-men-of-color-conference-aami-tickets-54901674386?fbclid=IwAR1Q3fHsVyPKeXYDPHtW0-cUHk2rdzDGzSxPTUaJ1CMwTrtNsDuCyZqnyvk>

Volunteers and sponsors are also needed. Please contact mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov if you are interested.

6. We're 150 Years Old, Y'all! As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Durham throughout 2019, we're honoring the changemakers who shaped Durham's unique sense of place, and we're rightfully touting Durham's position in the future. Home to scholars, artists, and entrepreneurs,

we're accustomed to movement, creativity, and blazing new trails. **SAVE THE DATE, April 13, 2019** - Durham 150 opening celebration. Visit www.DURHAM150.ORG and look for announcements in January for more on how to get involved.

7. **Alert Durham** - Sign Up Today: Durham County wants to keep its citizens informed and safe in the case of an emergency. Sign up for Alert Durham to receive notifications about severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. To sign up for Alert Durham, visit AlertDurham.com.
8. **Get Involved!** It's your County. Durham County Government has approximately 43 active advisory boards referred to as Boards and Commissions. Citizens of Durham County may volunteer to participate by applying for a vacancy.

Interested citizens should fill out an application and send it to the Clerk to the Board's Office. A description of the boards as well as a list of vacancies can be found on the County's website at <http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and-commissions>. If you need additional information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or email to: BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov

Commissioner Howerton stated she had the pleasure of providing the third-grade students at RN Harris copies of the "My County Works" Booklet and in return, the students wrote handmade thank you cards to the Board. Commissioner Howerton introduced Mshinda Middleton-Brown, Principle who acknowledged County staff, students, parents and teachers. She asked a few students to read their thank you notes and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

The Board thanked the RN Harris staff and Dr. Pascal Mubenga, Durham Public School Superintendent and applauded the teachers for using this as a teachable moment to help students understand local government.

Minutes

Commissioner Howerton requested a correction to the December 20, 2018 Regular Session meeting. She stated the records should reflect the vote being taken before her arrival. Commissioner Howerton asked the Interim Clerk to note the time of her arrival and the reason for her tardiness due to traffic.

Chair Jacobs advised staff to review the minutes to make sure actions were being taken prior to meetings. Commissioner Reckhow added to possibly have the Clerk note directives so that work can start immediately after Work Session and Regular Session meetings.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the December 3, 2018 Work Session minutes with amendments mentioned by Commissioner Howerton.

The motion carried unanimously.

Ceremonial Items

Recognition that Durham County Library Received the Public Relations Promotional Project Award and the Library Programming Award for Children from the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association.

Tammy Baggett, Library Director recognized Hitoko Ueyama-Burke, Durham County Library’s Graphic Designer for receiving the Public Relations Promotional Project Award. She added the greatest resource for the library was the staff and shared her many reasons why Ms. Ueyama-Burke was a great asset. Ms. Ueyama-Burke thanked the Board for the recognition and shared why she enjoyed working with Durham County.

Ms. Baggett also recognized Mark Donnelly, Durham County’s East Regional Library Adult Services Librarian for bringing forth the Bike Month Program. She stated this program brought community organizations together to celebrate bike riding, teach bike safety and give away free, new, high-quality helmets to children in need. Mr. Donnelly thanked Ms. Baggett and the Board for the recognition. He also spoke briefly about Bike Month and the importance of bike safety.

The Board congratulated Ms. Ueyama-Burke and Mr. Donnelly and presented them both with certificates.

Recognition of Local Teens’ Experiment Launching into Space as Part of Go For Launch! Durham, a Partnership Between Higher Orbits, Durham County Library, and the Durham Library Foundation

Tammy Baggett briefed the Board on the *Go For Launch! Durham* program; also explaining the partnership between Higher Orbits, Durham County and the Durham Library Foundation. She welcomed Matthew Clobridge, Library Management Administrator and Michelle Lucas, Higher Orbits Founder to speak. Mr. Clobridge provided background information on the program and thanked Ms. Baggett along with the Durham Library Foundation for assisting with ways to support and fund this program. Ms. Lucas stated the support from the Durham community was outstanding. She thanked Ms. Baggett, Mr. Clobridge and other staff for allowing her to come in to work with such amazing students.

Ms. Baggett introduced the students: Graham Shunk, Srikar Prasad Kaligotla, Xavier Gomez, Jamison R. Fuller, and Finn Poulin and acknowledged their parents as well.

The Board asked one student to share their experience while involved in the program and presented each student with certificates.

Proclamation - Together for Resilient Youth Prevention Month

Chair Jacobs read the following proclamation:

TOGETHER FOR RESILIENT YOUTH PREVENTION MONTH | 2019

WHEREAS, prevention of mental and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing substance use is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage youth, parents, adults, relatives and friends to participate in preventive measures, recognize the signs of a substance use problem, use of naloxone and guide those in need to appropriate resources and support services; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2017 Durham County Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) in the last 30 days before responding to the survey high school students report 10% cigarette use and 14% vape tobacco use, 21% alcohol use, 22% marijuana use and 13% prescription medication use. Risky behaviors such as suicide indicate 16% of high school students reported that they considered committing suicide during the 12 months; and

WHEREAS, to promote resilience and increase environmental strategies we invite all residents of Durham to participate with Together for Resilient Youth (TRY) in preventing substance use, the impact of Adverse Childhood Experience, other negative outcomes associated with substance use including: violence, crime, suicide, poor health and overdose and providing support parents that have lost children due to overdose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Wendy Jacobs, Chair of the Durham Board of County Commissioners and on behalf of the Durham Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2019 as

“TOGETHER FOR RESILIENT YOUTH PREVENTION MONTH”

in Durham County, and hereby call upon the citizens of Durham to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs throughout the community.

This the 28th day of January 2019.

Wendy Jacobs, Chair
Durham Board of County Commissioners

Dr. Boone stated the numbers were down from previous years. She added TRY was a coalition what worked together to bring stakeholder skills to use. Dr. Boone also shared additional program offerings and background information.

The Board expressed their appreciation for Dr. Boone’s years of service and expertise in this area. They added she was viewed as a prophet because this was always her passion even before it was a hot topic.

Consent Agenda

Chair Jacobs asked the Board if they requested to pull or comment on an item on the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Chair Jacobs entertained a motion for approval.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

*19-0019 Property Tax Releases and Refunds for December 2018

Consent Agenda Item #19-0019

Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings and clerical errors, etc. The attached report details releases and refunds for the month of December 2018.

Releases and Refunds – December 2018

Real Property	\$ 31,897.85
Personal Property	\$ 2,697.55
Motor Vehicle	\$ 0.00
Solid Waste Fees	\$ 476.43
VTS Refunds	\$ <u>18,219.66</u>
Total	\$ 53,291.49

Releases & Refunds for Prior Years

Real Property	\$ 0.00
Personal Property	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$ 0.00

Grand Total \$ 53,291.49

Public Hearings

2017 Evaluation and Assessment Report of the Durham Comprehensive Plan

Laurel Woods, Senior Planner stated the Board was requested to hold a public hearing to receive comments and approve changes to policies and the Future Land Use Map of the Durham Comprehensive Plan as past of the 2017 Evaluation and Assessment Report (EAR).

Commissioner Howerton stated there were concerns about the impact on housing affordability. Ms. Woods responded when the report originally went before Planning the policy stated staff would evaluate; and if negative impacts were received, it would be denied. She continued to say, Planning agreed that an analysis should be provided instead so that officials could make the final decision.

Commissioner Reckhow referenced page 10 figure 6 of the report that existing housing appreciation and change in the average sale price was very moderate; whereas the average sale value of new homes increased dramatically. She stated she would be happy with an affordable housing policy but was not comfortable with the wording of this one. Commissioner Reckhow suggested taking the policy back to the Joint City-County Committee for more discussion. Scott Whiteman, Planning Supervisor stated the policy stemmed from an adoption that occurred May 2018 where Council approved the item; however, Council would oppose if the MPO limited existing housing. Commissioner Reckhow stated that explanation would have been helpful in the report. She asked other than the Comprehensive Plan, was there an Affordable Housing Policy. Mr. Whiteman stated this was not the only Affordable Housing Policy. He added the housing element did have many housing related policies in it.

Commissioner Carter stated there was a need for the policy and felt this was a step in the right direction. She suggested the approval of this item. Chair Jacobs spoke in agreement with Commissioner Carter adding the overlay district was different from rezoning. She added affordability was a good point and should become a part of the analysis.

Hearing no additional comments, Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing. No one was signed up to speak. Chair Jacobs closed the public hearing and entertained a motion from the Board.

Commissioner Carter asked why the County approved an item after the City. Ms. Woods responded if it

was a City item, the County approved it afterwards; and the same if it was a County item.

Commissioner Howerton asked if the public had an opportunity to weigh-in during the Planning meetings. Ms. Woods responded they could comment during the Planning meetings and during the City Council meetings.

Chair Jacobs mentioned several changes in the plan and highlighted those figures. She questioned page 11 discussing the different land use demands. Chair Jacobs asked if the County comprehensive land use would allow us to meet those demands. Ms. Woods responded office land use was close therefore it was rolled into institutional land use. She continued to say they were undertaking a new industrial land use study because the one completed in 2013 needed to be expanded. Chair Jacobs questioned page 12 regarding the need for more compact neighborhood due to the increased need to be closer to jobs and other services. She added this was being currently being done around the light rail stations and questioned any other areas. Ms. Woods responded the compact neighborhoods were the stationaries.

Commissioner Reckhow asked if an assessment had been completed on the City/County performance with regards to adding 20 percent of housing and jobs in compact areas. Mr. Whiteman responded he was not sure if that goal was achieved. He added after the comprehensive plan was updated in 2016 the next regional model for the MPO did show 20 percent of homes and 50 percent of jobs did go into compact neighborhoods.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hill to approve the 2017 Evaluation and Assessment Report of the Durham Comprehensive Plan with the understanding of future follow-up.

The motion carried unanimously.

Directive:

- **Commissioner Reckhow asked that they take the report back to Joint City-County Planning Committee regarding the methodology. She added they should consider language changes to the policy, so it includes other decision making that moves parcels of land from one category to another.**

Adoption of Resolutions related to Authorization of \$50M General Obligation (GO) Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, including Holding a Public Hearing on and Adopting the General Obligation Refunding Bond Order

Susan Tezai, Chief Financial Officer stated the Board was requested to hold a public hearing on the general obligation refunding bond order introduced at the January 14th meetings and, upon conclusion of the public hearing, to adopt the refunding bond order.

Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing. No one was signed up to speak, Chair Jacobs closed the public hearing and entertained a motion from the Board.

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Commissioner Howerton adopt the refunding bond order and adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (\$50M).

The motion carried unanimously.

Board and Commission Appointments

Monica Toomer, Interim Clerk to the Board distributed ballots to the Board to make appointments to the boards and commissions.

The Board made the following appointments (incumbents are identified with an (i). Individuals who are recommended by a Board are underlined.) Individuals listed in bold print were appointed.

Durham County Hospital Corporation (DCHC)

Katherine Thomas (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Open Space and Trail Commission

William Akin (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Ladawna Summers (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Public Health Board

(i)Almond Spencer (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

(i)Rosemary Jacobs (Carter, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Andrew Jennings (Hill)

Victoria Revelle (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Transportation Advisory Board

Beverly Thorpe (Carter, Hill, Howerton, Jacobs, Reckhow)

Closed Session

Chair Jacobs stated the Board was requested to adjourn to Closed Session for the following:

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S 143-318.11(a)(3)
- To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session per G.S.143-318.11(a)(6).

Commissioner Reckhow moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hill to adjourn into Closed Session.

The motion carried unanimously.

Reconvene to Open Session

Chair Jacobs stated the Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to staff.

Adjournment

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Vice Chair Hill to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 9:29p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Monica W. Toomer".

Monica W. Toomer
Interim Clerk to the Board