

Minutes - Draft

PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 2:19PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Patrick, Long Spears, Bradshaw, Terry, Cochran-Johnson

Present 3 - Commissioner Larry Johnson, Robert Patrick, and Michelle Long Spears

I. MINUTES

2023-0170 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the March 14, 2023 Planning, Economic Development,
and Community Services Committee Meeting
**MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by
Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

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

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

[2023-0006](#)

Commission District(s): All
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 22-500614 Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Career Training Services (Annual Contract with 2 Options to Renew): for use by WorkSource DeKalb. Consists of providing career and readiness training to Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth participants within the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) program. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposers: Goodwill of North Georgia and In The Door, LLC. Total Amount Not to Exceed: \$1,200,000.00.

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 4/11/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Michelle Butler - Purchasing & Contracting

-additional information provided by Director Davis - WorkSource DeKalb

-Question LJ: will this training also involve mental health services as well or is strictly for career training?

-R Davis: it will be holistic, especially when it comes to mental health for the youth

-Question LJ: how many will be served with this grant?

R Davis: through Goodwill - a minimum of 120, and there will be another 60 individuals as well

-Question MLS: regarding projections, what's your process to go back and look at that as you're considering renewals?

R Davis: we review on a quarterly basis

-Question MLS: when is the start date?

R Davis: once we have something that can get approved, it would be great to start the first of May

-Commissioner Johnson requests data on youth, dislocated workers are in each area, and how the program is serving them in that area. How can they enhance what you are doing regarding training, mental health, and how do we connect with more non-profits in the area to fill gaps. When we do our quarterly update with you please bring that information back to see how we can connect the dots and help you in that area as well

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Commission District(s): ALL
RA - Ratification of Purchase Order No. 1312791 Emergency Repair and Replacement of Arabia Mountain Pedestrian Bridge #1: for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This request seeks to ratify emergency repairs. Awarded to: Bayne Development Group, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$123,479.38.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 4/11/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Michelle Butler

-additional comments provided by Director Ellis

-Question TT: is this already happened?

C Ellis: it has happened

-Question TT: Director Ellis could you provide similar photos of path maintenance that were done at Stone Mountain and other trails, such as pressure washing, striping, etc. where those repairs are, an update on how much is left in those funding pots for certain trails

-LJ: if we can also get an update on the stormwater improvements, where we are in our parks that we allocated around \$4-\$5M. We can have that in our April meeting to add to our TAD discussion as well

III. STATUS UPDATE

Community Based Violence Intervention Plan (CBVIP) Grant

-presentation provided by Director Scott - Human Services

-additional information provided by Dr. Volkan Topalli - Georgia State University

-Question RP: since you're working with the Board of Education, will you be working with other jurisdictions?

-Dr. Topalli: this is DeKalb County initially; additional comments provided by Dr. Topalli

-RP: if there is a way I can help you engage with different police departments and mayors in District 1, I'd be happy to get you connected

-Question LJ: regarding privacy, how will you deal with the privacy issue? They will still see us as government - how do you build that trust?

-responses provided by Dr. Topalli

-Question LJ: what case management system provides the sustainability piece, that can tie in mental health and all of these programs?

-responses provided by Dr. Topalli

-additional comments provided by Ms. Mussette Hill of Human Services

-Question MLS: the budget is \$1.5M correct?

-response: that's correct, 3 years \$1.5M; additional information provided by staff

-Question MLS: you're framing this as public safety as a public health issue. How do you plan on couching that?

-D Furtado: that's not us, it's the federal government who has defined public violence as a public health issue. Additional comments provided by Debra Furtado and Director Scott

-D Furtado: Eddie Bocanegra, Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Attorney General is the director of the CBVIP program. We would like to invite him this summer to meet with you all for him to see what DeKalb is doing.

-Question MLS: has there been any opportunities for renewal?

-D Furtado: there was information from the Attorney General that there would be additional funding opportunities; they want to see a community violence interruption plan for DeKalb County

-Question MLS: who would you be interviewing?

-Cure Violence Global is one of our partners, they will provide the needs assessments based on their model, meeting with the community. Part will be focus groups, some interviews; we must connect and engage the community

-Question MLS: regarding data gathering process, are you planning on getting this crime data from municipalities as well?

-Dr. Topalli: we will be getting a lot of data from DeKalb PD initially, but we would be happy to expand on that based on our funding resources

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-TT: since the John Jay College interrupters program is no longer going forward, I would recommend we reallocated the \$260K plus that was allocated to that program go to this program

-responses provided by Director Scott

-LJ: let's get this done first and then see where we can go from there. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-LJ: we will see you in another 2 months for an update; hopefully we can have some interrupters and residents who can come and testify on how this program is working

IV. DISCUSSION

Public Private Partnerships Proposed Regulation

-information provided by Commissioner Bradshaw, Attorney Welch

-Question LJ: could you put in the regulation draft which language can be changed and what cannot?

M Welch: yes sir I will update the font colors and send a copy to the board. Additional responses provided by Attorney Welch

-LJ: would 60 days be good to bring back?

M Welch: that would work sir

-Question LCJ: has this gone to Decide DeKalb to review and be part of the conversation? Does the CEO's office always have the final say?

-responses provided by Attorney Welch

-Question MLS: draft 1 was presented to the Board a year ago correct?

-responses provided by Attorney Welch

-Question MLS: you mentioned a particular committee comprised of people from the administration only?

-Attorney Welch provided the stipulations of the composition of the evaluation committee, as outlined in the draft document

-comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-TT: the key thing we need to hone in on is the evaluation committee; if changes are coming to a district we should have some semblance of what's going on. We should consider how the commissioners will participate in the evaluation committee. If it has something to do with a development, we should have some say. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry.

-responses provided by Commissioner Terry

-LJ: these recommendations will come back to us in 60 days

Meeting Ended At: 3:58PM

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

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

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC