

Minutes - Draft

PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 2:01PM

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

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

I. MINUTES

2023-0406 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the March 28, 2023 Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2023-0424 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the March 30, 2023 Special Called Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

II. DISCUSSION

Senior Services in DeKalb

-presentation provided by Director Scott

-Question RP:

-response provided by Director Scott

-Question RP: some of the seniors you mentioned were in one of the three categories discussed in your presentation?

D Scott: yes commissioner; additional information provided by Director Scott

-Question RP: as you're offering more services you still have the same number of staff?

D Scott: we have the same number of staff

-Question MLS: the programming I have witnessed has been spectacular; how are you, based on your budget, projecting as our population of 60+ continues to grow? If you maintain this level of in-person and online, how are you projecting the services that people want and need in 5 years?

-response provided by Director Scott

-Question MLS: do you plan on surveying to find out what services people want to see at the senior centers?

D Scott: each senior center manager surveys their existing membership at that location because each location has their own identity. We can pool commonality and break out in each location what the seniors would like to see

-Question MLS: regarding Atlanta Regional Commission, you said the majority of your funding comes from ARC?

D Scott: that's correct

-Question MLS: is there a scholarship for people that cannot afford that amount?

D Scott: two of them have a fee; other locations the membership is free

-Question MLS: is your community based model in the form of programming?

-responses provided by Director Scott

-Question MLS: did you see any changes to the mental health services you provided as a result of the pandemic?

D Scott: those have to be referred out because we don't have those services; but we collaborate with a lot of partners.

Additional information provided by Director Scott

-Question MLS: you fully re-opened the centers in July 2022?

D Scott: that's correct; there was a re-opening plan; we are at stage 4 which is the final stage where we are expanding hours and days

-Question LJ: is there any planning process to have a place to take them from aging in place to memory care to hospice, etc.?

D Scott: we do not have an owned adult day facility currently; we partner and refer out to those entities and have a list of those that provide that level of care; additional response provided by Director Scott

-LJ: I look forward in your next report what public private partnerships could be created to explore what people going through dementia and care givers can do to receive the services they need

-comments provided by Director Scott

Mobile Permitting Event

-presentation provided by Interim Director Hudson - Planning & Sustainability, and Keedra Raines - permits manager

-Question MLS: how can we get you to come to district 2?

K Raines: just ask we'll be there

-LJ: mine is the pilot to get the kinks out; hopefully we can do this all over the county

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

III. STATUS UPDATE

Tenant-Landlord Assistance Coalition (TLAC)

-presentation provided by Kimberly Brock - Interim Clerk for State & Magistrate Courts, Bridgette Lewis - TLAC Manager
-Question LJ: could you provide in total how many people in each family have been benefitted? You helped the whole family in addition to the heads of households themselves

K Brock: yes sir we can

-Question MLS: is there a lead partner within TLAC?

K Brock: the CEO's Office and Courts - it's a team. Additional information provided by Ms. Brock

-Question MLS: have you mapped out recipients in more than just the zip codes

K Brock: no ma'am but that is something we can provide regarding that data

-Question MLS: is this an ongoing program?

K Brock: this is using ERA funding; the program is sunsetting in 2024 via the funding through ERA

-additional comments and discussion provided by COO Williams

Meeting Ended At: 3:08PM

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: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Patrick, and Long Spears

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC