

**Minutes - Draft**

**PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services  
Committee**

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Tuesday, March 8, 2022

2:00 PM

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*This meeting will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Simultaneous public access to the meeting will be available*

*(1) via live stream on DCTV's webpage,*

*(2) on DCTVChannel23.TV*

Meeting Started At: 2:01PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Davis Johnson, Rader, Patrick, Terry, Cochran-Johnson, Bradshaw

**Present**      3 - Commissioner Larry Johnson, Commissioner Jeff Rader, and  
Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson

**I. MINUTES**

- 2022-1287**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the February 17, 2022 Special Called Planning,  
Economic Development, and Community Services Committee  
Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by  
Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be approved. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**
- Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and  
Commissioner Davis Johnson**

**2022-1302** Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the February 22, 2022 Planning, Economic Development,  
and Community Services Committee Meeting  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff  
Rader, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by  
the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner  
Davis Johnson**

## II. APPOINTMENTS

[2022-1315](#) Commission District(s): All  
Appointment to the Perimeter Community Improvement District  
Board - Rebecca K. Buchanan  
**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis  
Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval.  
to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/22/2022. The  
motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and  
Commissioner Davis Johnson**

*-interview by the committee conducted to Ms. Buchanan*

[2022-1317](#) Commission District(s): All  
Appointment to the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority Board -  
Inga Harmon  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff  
Rader, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the  
Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/22/2022. The motion  
carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner  
Davis Johnson**

*-interview by the committee conducted to Ms. Harmon*

## III. DISCUSSION

PECS 2021 Accomplishments

*-presentation provided by Central Staff*

#### IV. AGENDA ITEM

*New Agenda Items:*

[2022-1201](#) Commission District(s): 3  
REN - Maintenance of Sugar Creek Golf Course (Annual Contract - 3rd Renewal of 4 Options to Renew): Contract No. 1130987 for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). This contract consists of maintaining the golf course grounds and facilities. Awarded to: Cypress Golf Management, LLC dba Cypress Golf Course Services. Amount Not To Exceed: \$712,235.00.  
**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/22/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by Director Ellis*

[2022-1311](#) Commission District(s): All  
RFP - Request for Proposals No. 21-500597 DeKalb County Comprehensive Equity Strategy: for use by the Board of Commissioners (BOC). Consists of providing diversity, equity, and inclusion services to develop an innovative, ambitious, equitable, and data-driven comprehensive equity strategy with a sunset time horizon of June 15, 2023. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Partnership for Southern Equity, Inc. Total Amount Not to Exceed \$210,000.00  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/22/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

-information provided by Chief of Staff Obeng

2022-1190 Commission District(s): All  
Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs 10-Year Master Plan  
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 3/22/2022 .**

*-item not heard in committee*

*-LJ: we will work with staff on having a special called meeting for this topic*

2022-1259 Commission District(s): All Commission District  
Accept the offered technical advice and assistance from The Trust for Public Land and The Nature Conservancy in connection with our efforts to develop and sustain reliable, ongoing sources of funding for parks, trails and land and water conservation.  
**MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 3/22/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by Director Ellis*

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

2021-2851 Commission District(s): All  
A Request to Consider Establishing an Annual Traffic Count Program  
**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 5/10/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by Patrice Keeter*

*-LJ: we will have a 60 day deferral on this*

*-RP: I would suggest a county-wide baseline reading to begin with, and other data following that*

*-Commissioner Rader: motion to defer 60 days*

[2021-2853](#)

Commission District(s): All

A Request to Consider Establishing a Sidewalk Mapping System

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/13/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

*-information provided by Director Grear*

*-S Grear: I would like to work with Commissioner Patrick to come back with a plan on this*

*-RP: let's defer*

*-LJ we will defer for 6 months*

## V. DISCUSSION

### Investors Buying Homes in DeKalb

*-information provided by Dr. Obeng and Dan Baskerville*

*-D Baskerville: Cherokee County passed an ordinance to look at where these types of developments proposed in HB 1093 should go, so as to not crowd out the types of homeownership that people are looking for. Some of my colleagues may be able to speak to you all regarding actions to be done on a federal level, and other colleagues may be able to look at this with you on a state and local level.*

*-LJ: staff please send the memo around to share with commissioners so that we can have a preemption strategy in place; work with Law to put this preemption strategy in place and bring back to committee in 30 days*

### DeKalb TLAC, ERA Update

*-information provided by COO Williams, Clerk Mary Bell, Sebrina Franklin, Sharon Baker-Boykin*

*-LJ: please highlight our assistance efforts as we prepare for Counties Month for NACo*

*-MDJ: I would like remind the citizens of District 5 that we have also given money available for the TLAC program through first African Community Development, Corporation, the People's Agenda, Decatur Cooperative Ministry, and Tabitha's House. I would also like to commend Clerk Bell and her team as they have been generous to deal with nonprofits amongst their office, the Administration, and the Commissioners.*

*-TT: I want to second your thought about telling the story. I'm sure we can forward some of those personal stories to the Communications or DCTV teams. COO Williams there was discussion in the water rates presentation regarding TLAC being able to potentially pay past utility bills. What percentage of the total is that? That may be something we can throw into the water and sewer discussion.*

*Z Williams: Absolutely. And it's a large team to include around 70+ employees that have been working on this program.*

*-RP: in my district there has been a resident that I can personally speak to that have benefitted from the TLAC program; sometimes it gives people a push to be better in their own lives. I also have CARES money that I am looking to get out the door.*

*-JR: this program is at a much higher scale than what we were able to start with, and this is scaled well; the additional state funds speak well of that*

*-LJ: commissioners prepare for a special called meeting in March to discuss the Parks master plan (2022-1190), the Grady operating agreement with Fulton County. Staff will be providing some dates on that*

Meeting Ended At: 3:26PM

**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis Johnson, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rader, and Commissioner Davis Johnson**

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Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC