

DRAFT -Minutes

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

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At:2:02 PM

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

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

I. MINUTES

2022-2638 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the December 13, 2022 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. STATUS UPDATE

Georgia State / Human Services Grant Collaboration

Not heard in the Committee.

LJ: Please bring Emory and Georgia State to come back in March for an update.

Worksource DeKalb

-Information provided by Robert Davis, Interim Director

Question MLS: Regarding youth services and unemployment services, do you have services or resources for those with previous work experience that has stopped working but are looking for gainful employment again

RD: yes, we have just started gaining responsibility related to this; we are building up our job opportunity database and making contact with businesses

Question MLS: What is the intake process like?

RD: for those seeking employment, before covid we did have onsite orientations. Now, we have ATLworks for people to upload documents are start the process.

Question MLS: What can commissioners do to help you " Get the word out" regarding your programs

RD: When you talk with individuals spread the word

Question MLS: Any growth strategies for staff/upcoming projects or working to reduce unemployment

RD: expand register apprenticeship opportunities and working with citizens through pre-release. RP Requests Q4 data from 2022 on participants that have been through the worksource program including employment success rates

Question RP: if the economy softens do you feel ready to help support DeKalb?

RD: yes we do; our financials are available are we are gaining 6 new hires in our office

LJ: We want to bring you back every other month for an update

III. DISCUSSION

Workforce Housing Ordinance

-Information provided by Attorney Welsh

LJ: We will defer this two weeks to give an opportunity to Commissioners a chance to review the changes.

Question RP: Density bonuses cannot exceeded what is contemplated in the comprehensive plan? Welsh: that is my understanding, correct.

LJ: Let's return with this on the Agenda as an item at the next meeting

RP: Motion to defer 2 weeks

Second MLS

Vote: Yes unanimous

IV. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items

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Commission District(s): ALL

RFP - Request for Proposals No. 22-500622 Comprehensive Trail - Greenway Master Plan (Multiyear Contract): for use by Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of providing professional planning services that include the creation of a comprehensive master plan. This plan will incorporate the County's existing network of greenways, trails and paths with the expansion and creation of a new and future greenway network. Recommend award to the highest scoring proposer: Toole Design Group, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$348,500.00.

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 2/14/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Director Chuck Ellis

-additional information provided by procurement

Question MLS: What is the timeline with the project

CL: 1 year starting in march till march 2024, I can provide a breakdown of the activities

-Question MLS: For this phase all work needs to be completed by March 31st 2024

CL: Correct

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Cochran Johnson

-additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

Question TT: this is funded through the Hotel/Motel Fund?

CL: Correct

Question TT: what is the engagement process with the commissioners as the design work begins?

-CL: yes, the stakeholder meeting

LJ: As we come to the end of the meeting, we will do special called meeting in February focuses on housing, mental health and human development around violence prevention. Central Staff please send Commissioners dates to organize. Our next meeting is Feb 16 at 2 pm, we will provide status updates there.

LJ: The Grady agreement will come in March, we are waiting on key partners to make some decisions I've COO Williams to keep us posted. Please send out the document for commissioners to review and provide feedback.

Meeting Ended At: 2:46 PM

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, 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