

## Minutes - Draft

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

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Tuesday, August 22, 2023

2:00 PM

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Meeting Started At: 2:32PM

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

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

#### I. MINUTES

**2023-0996**      Commission District(s): ALL  
Minutes for the August 8, 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, Long Spears, and Patrick

#### II. APPOINTMENT

##### Chief Executive Office

[2023-1010](#)      Commission District(s): All  
Appointment to the Perimeter Community Improvement District Board - Mr. David Silver  
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Larry Johnson, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/12/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Long Spears

*-substitute item has been received*

*-interview conducted by the committee to Mr. Silver*

### III. AGENDA ITEM

*New Agenda Items:*

#### Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

[2023-0870](#)

Commission District(s): 3 and 6

CA - Cooperative Agreement for Utility, Transport, Golf, and Recreation Vehicles with Related Accessories, Equipment, and Services (Sourcewell Contract No. 122220-CCR): for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Affairs (RPCA). Consists of piggybacking off the competitively let Sourcewell Contract for a four (4) year lease of golf carts and utility vehicles for Sugar Creek Golf and Tennis Club. Awarded to Club Car, LLC. Amount Not To Exceed: \$524,267.52.

**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 9/12/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-Information provided by Marvin Billups - RPCA Deputy Director*

*-Comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

### IV. DISCUSSION

Engagement HQ & Community 101

***-presentation provided by Sylvia Smith, Nicole Marchant - Planning & Sustainability on Engagement HQ***

*-Question MLS: regarding the Efforts so Far page - did you say you've had 737 visits?*

*N Marchant: yes; this presentation is data as of August 2, 2023. As of yesterday we've had 737 unique site visits and 29 registrations*

*-Question MLS: what type of information are you collecting?*

*-response provided by Ms. Marchant and Ms. Smith*

*-Question MLS: what will you do with the data once collected?*

*S Smith: once we finish compiling the data, if there are any deficiencies found we will send to MARTA*

*-Question MLS: If I had a project to ask about, can we put our own questions in for surveys?*

*-response provided by Ms. Smith*

*-Question MLS: are there topics that we can provide our input on?*

*-response provided by Ms. Marchant*

*-Question MLS: regarding feedback tools, are you utilizing all of these tools currently?*

*-responses provided by Ms. Marchant, Brandon White*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson*

*-Question LCJ: does this platform have the ability to capture information from Granicus as we as commissioners are planning?*

*-responses provided by Ms. Smith*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson*

***-presentation from Jacob Wilson on the Community 101 Initiative***

*-Question MLS: regarding the speakers bureau, how do you plan on populating that?*

*-response provided by Mr. Wilson, Ms. Smith*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears*

*-Question MLS: regarding community based organizations, are you referring to other nonprofits in DeKalb?*

*-response provided by Mr. Wilson*

**V. STATUS UPDATE**

**Public Private Partnerships Proposed Regulation**

*-information provided by Attorney Welch*

*-LJ: we will review this, list any questions, and come back in 30 days to have the Commission move forward*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears*

***-RP: motion to defer 30 days and have the Board review this regulation and come back in 30 days to formally take action***

*Second MLS*

*Vote: yes unanimous*

**VI. AGENDA ITEM**

*Previously Heard Agenda Items:*

**Board of Commissioners - District 6**

2023-0902

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts  
To Approve a District 6 American Rescue Plan Funding of \$100,000 to Establish a DeKalb County Eviction Defense Fund to Assist Qualified Residents with Legal Representation

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/12/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*-Question LJ: how much is left for use regarding TLAC?*

*-response provided by COO Williams*

*-Question LJ: can you bring this back to us in 30 days regarding the process so that it can start and get approved?*

*-response provided by COO Williams*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Terry*

*-TT: if we could hold this until the last meeting of September; we still need to figure out what the contracting nonprofit will look like*

*-RP: motion to hold in committee to last meeting in September (September 26th PECS, October 10th BOC)*

*Second LJ*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson*

*-Vote: yes unanimous*

### **Board of Commissioners - District 1**

2023-0792

Commission District(s): District 1  
2023 Mid-Year Budget Request to Support the Creation of a Small Business Revolving Loan Fund and Technical Assistance Program to Expand Decide DeKalb's Local Business Resources

**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/12/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information provided by Commissioner Patrick*

*-comments provided by COO Williams*

*-Question LJ: can you get the details of the program to us, how you qualify, how it goes through Decide DeKalb, how businesses can become a part of that?*

*-RP: I will get that*

*-RP: motion to defer 30 days to the September 26th PECS (October 10th BOC meeting)*

[2023-0464](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
To explore the option of including additional fees for expedited plan reviews for development and building permits  
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/12/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-information and presentation provided by Brandon White*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick*

*-Question RP: regarding vacancies, we did discuss the possibility to contract with outside staff to have things turned around quickly? What do you need from us regarding resources?*

*-B White: one of those will be on the technology side - in next year's budget will be a request for a technology solutions software. As we work through our structure, we're finding that we have staff to complete the reviews, but there are gaps in some of the structures there. Additional comments provided by Mr. White*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson*

*-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson*

*-RP: motion to choose Option 2 (continue with internal process improvements), Option 3 (defer decision at this time and continue to explore possibilities for expedited permit program in the future), and consideration in the FY23 midyear budget allocating \$250,000 for any staffing needs*

*New Agenda Items:*

### **Board of Commissioners - District 1**

[2023-1022](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
To Request the Department of Planning and Sustainability Staff to Explore the Feasibility of Adopting Standard Dumpster Requirements for Apartment Complexes and Multi-Family Units  
**MOTION was made that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 9/12/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

*-item not heard in committee*

[2023-1023](#) Commission District(s): All Districts  
A Resolution by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County to Include the Construction of Peachtree Creek Greenway Trail as a Priority SPLOST II Project  
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 9/12/2023 .**

*-item not heard in committee*

Meeting Ended At: 4:09PM

**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:** 2 - Commissioner Johnson, and Patrick

**Not Present:** 1 - Long Spears

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