

Minutes - Draft

PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, (Chair)

Commissioner Robert Patrick, Member

Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, Member

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

3:30 PM

Meeting Started At: 3:31PM

Attendees: Commissioners Long Spears, Patrick, Bradshaw, Terry

Present 3 - Commissioner Michelle Long Spears, Commissioner Robert Patrick, and Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

I. MINUTES

2024-0802 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the June 11, 2024 Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

II. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

Community Development

[2024-0764](#)

Commission District(s): ALL

The 2024-2028 Consolidated Plan for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Programs, including the 2024 Annual Action Plan - Federally Funded, No Cost to the County

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/9/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-presentation provided by Director Mitchell, Braunwin Camp, Jeremy Gray of Mosaic Community Planning

-Question SB: what drives the fluctuation in your CBDG funding each year?

-responses provided by Director Mitchell

-Question RP: have you seen supporting the news articles that discuss vacancies in housing units?

-A Mitchell: I have not seen a lot of vacancies; the areas where you may see vacancies are in high crime areas and the rents are very low and serious blight; those tend to be where vacancies are; but in most areas vacancies tend to be limited

-Question TT: what's the deadline for approving this?

-A Mitchell: there's a statutory requirement for HUD, which is the first week of August - which means that you don't get funding if you don't get navigation through HUD. So the objective is to get it approved before the first week of August

-TT: I would like for us to take a look at the public facilities improvements line item budget, especially regarding ADA objectives for the County. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-information on the budget process for rental assistance and utilities provided by Director Mitchell

-Question SB: are there ramifications for us waiting for 2 weeks to approve?

-A Mitchell: it has to be approved in July; additional comments provided by Director Mitchell

-Question MLS: was this presentation sent to us prior to today?

A Mitchell: I sent it to you Friday night

-MLS: I would like additional time to review

Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

[2024-0670](#)

Commission District(s): 3 and 7

Rename Shoal Creek III Park to John Evans Legacy Park

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/9/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- information provided by Commissioner Terry, Director Ellis, Barbara Marborough - Chair of Shoal Creek Park organization
- Question SB: outline the protocol for renaming a park, how does that happen?
- response provided by Director Ellis
- Question SB: is there a cost associated with signage?
- C Ellis: there will be a cost to change the sign, and minimal costs for other needs
- Question SB: and that will come out of your budget?
- C Ellis: that's correct

WorkSource DeKalb

2024-0721

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS

To appropriate \$889,209 of the ARP Interest to DeKalb County Summer Youth Program for the purposes of administering a DeKalb Virtual Career Academy.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/9/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- presentation provided by Director Davis - WorkSource DeKalb
- additional information on the ARP interest provided by CFO McNabb
- Question TT: what was the change in the funding from previous years? Was it from ARP?
- D McNabb: I believe so but I will have to check
- Commissioner Terry discussed with CFO McNabb the details surrounding the ARP allocation for this program

2024-0722

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS

Approval to transfer up to \$500,000 of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funds from the FY24 Dislocated Worker program to the FY24 Adult program.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/9/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

- presentation provided by Director Davis - WorkSource DeKalb

[2024-0723](#)

Commission District(s): ALL DISTRICTS

Acceptance of Multiple Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Grants - Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth for Program Year 2024 from the Technical College System of Georgia not to exceed \$3,193,584.

MOTION was made by Steve Bradshaw, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/9/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-presentation provided by Director Davis - WorkSource DeKalb

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Chief Executive Office

[2024-0593](#)

Commission District(s): All.

Appropriation of Emergency Rental Assistance (“ERA 2”) funds to several DeKalb Non-Profit Agencies for assistance with the DeKalb County “Integrated Community Care Initiative” in an aggregate amount of \$13,000,000.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/9/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-OIA has supported this agenda item

-information provided by COO Williams, Director Mitchell, Bea Purdue, Renee Vincent of Society of St. Vincent DePaul

-additional information from Melvia Richards of Community Development

-MLS: I would love to hear more about this item at the next PECS regarding performance measures, as well as presenting to us a chart to help us understand how this program will operate; how long do you anticipate this lasting for, and what is the sustainability plan after that?

-comments provided by Director Mitchell, COO Williams

[2024-0428](#) Commission District(s): All
DeKalb County Healthcare Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis. Consists of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) providing Healthcare Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis services to DeKalb County Government staff. This request will enable the completion of a healthcare delivery strategy.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/9/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-this item was supported by OIIA audit review

-information provided by Dr. Taya Jackson Scott - CIO Morehouse School of Medicine

Board of Commissioners - District 2

[2024-0663](#) Commission District(s): District 2
A Resolution Adopting a Contextualization Statement for the Cannon Previously Removed from the Decatur Courthouse Square
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Steve Bradshaw, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 7/9/2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Commissioner Long Spears

Board of Commissioners - Super District 6

[2023-0835](#) Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
A Resolution to Commit to the Transformation of the South River Forest by Adopting the Recommendations of the “Explore South River Forest” Report and For the Administration to Prepare and Deliver an Implementation Plan
This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 7/9/2024 .

-agenda item not heard in committee

- [2023-0526](#) Commission District(s): District 3, 6, and all commission districts
A Resolution to Encourage DeKalb County CEO Michael Thurmond to
End the Executive Order Closing Intrenchment Creek Park and to
Reopen It to the Public As Soon As Possible
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the
Board of Commissioners due back on 7/9/2024 .**

-agenda item not heard in committee

Board of Commissioners - Super District 7

- [2024-0347](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
Resolution to Address Eliminating Blight Caused by Unattended
Donation Boxes.
**This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to
the Board of Commissioners due back on 7/9/2024 .**

-agenda item not heard in committee

III. DISCUSSION

Golf Courses Update

-discussion not heard in committee

Public Private Partnerships Proposed Regulation Update

-discussion not heard in committee

Meeting Ended At: 5:04PM

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

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

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC