

Minutes - Draft

PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services Committee

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

2:00 PM

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: 2:03PM

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

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

I. MINUTES

2022-2002 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the July 26, 2022 Planning, Economic Development,
and Community Services Committee Meeting
**MOTION was made by Jeff Rader, seconded by Mereda Davis
Johnson, that this agenda item be approved. The motion
carried by the following vote:**

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

II. APPOINTMENT INTERVIEW

2022-1939

Commission District(s): All

Appointment to the DeKalb County Historic Preservation
Commission - Dr. Pamela Scully

**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 8/23/2022. The
motion carried by the following vote:**

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

-interview conducted by the PECS Committee to Dr. Pamela Scully

III. DISCUSSION

Urban Land Institute - Grocery Store Study Findings

-presentation provided by Maureen Freehill of the Urban Land Institute

-LJ: please send this proposal to all of our commissioners; we shouldn't just focus on the noun but the verb - we have to focus on the economic drivers to introduce grocery stores into our communities. This study will help us address questions that we have and be a catalyst on where we need to go

-Question JR: it seems there are a lot of empty grocery boxes across the county. I wonder what has changed to make them no longer viable as grocery stores and what might be done to bring tenants back to those grocery stores?

-M Freehill: they are occupied by stores that are not able to handle the same footprint - for example Big Bear Market; that is not what the modern grocery shopper necessarily wants to see. Additional information provided by Ms. Freehill

-Question JR: it seems a full service grocery store are pretty labor intensive operations correct?

M Freehill: that's true. Additional response provided by Ms. Freehill

-Question JR: with home delivery available, is that a valid model by which people can have affordable groceries delivered to their home?

-response provided by Ms. Freehill

-Question TT: this is an issue I've been following closely since I was Mayor of Clarkston. There's intersections such as housing, public facilities and land for issues such as these. Another issue is status - in America we have so many different types of milk and yogurt. Feeding people who are hungry should be a human right. The key here is that - we are not part of the discussion before the discussion. To the commissioners - what do we do next?

-response provided by Commissioner Johnson

-Question LCJ: I would like to request a copy of this presentation; this is good information. We may want to work together on a special called or work session; these are the things where these types of reports require action

IV. AGENDA ITEM

New Agenda Items:

2022-1953

Commission District(s): All Districts

Approve a Resolution to ask the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County to Request A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and a Noise Study for the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center Development Proposal.

MOTION was made by Mereda Davis Johnson, seconded by Jeff Rader, that this agenda item be recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 8/23/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

-information provided by Commissioner Terry

-statement provided by Alison Clark - Chair of Community Stakeholder Advisory Committee (CSAC)

-information provided by Director Baker on the land disturbance permitting process

-Question LJ: regarding Commissioner Terry's request, is there a different approach?

-A Baker: our process is to take action in line with chapter 14 of our code. Additional information provided by Director Baker

-Question LJ: is that process being done now?

Z Williams: Mr. Baker just articulated what's being done now. If the Board were to adopt this resolution, they would request the CEO to ask the City of Atlanta to conduct assessments beyond what is prescribed in our code

-Question LJ: Commissioner Terry have you asked the City of Atlanta or CEO?

-response provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question LCJ: have you asked specifically for this phase II study?

TT: yes we did that through the process. Additional information provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question LJ: can you talk to the CEO without the resolution, and bring back this resolution?

TT: we can ask Mr. Marshall Freeman who is on the line

-response provided by Marshall Freeman

-MDJ: based on the recommendation of Ms. Clark and the Planning Committee, I make a motion that this item be held in committee until our next meeting, where we can discuss more thoroughly, and give Commissioner Terry an opportunity to contact the CEO and get on his schedule

-Second JR

-LJ: we will bring it back after you all have discussion

-comments provided by Commissioner Rader

-Vote: yes unanimous

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

2022-1765

Commission District(s): District 7

A Resolution of the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia to Acknowledge an Affordable Housing Crisis in DeKalb County and to Call upon Federal, State and Local Legislators and Elected Officials to Pass Legislation Supporting Home Ownership and Rent Stabilization.

This agenda item was recommended holding in committee to the Board of Commissioners due back on 8/23/2022 .

-information provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-LJ: we will be framing these conversations at upcoming special called PECS meetings on housing. I would like to have by November a legislative packet that we can have from the federal and state. Your legislation is great and will be part of our housing package that comes out of PECS into the broader community

V. DISCUSSION

Quarterly Update: Revitalization Strategy

-presentation not heard in committee

Major Development Projects by Commission Districts

-presentation not heard in committee

Meeting Ended At: 3:26PM

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

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

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC