



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Durham
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
(each Committee member received a personal secure meeting link)
Monthly Meeting Agenda
7/27/2020
6:00 PM

The Durham Citizens Advisory Committee met on the above date and time with the following members present: Levon Barnes (Chair), Rachel Eberhard, Drew Helm, Dr. Monique Holsey-Hyman, Michele Ketchum, Carl Newman, Ashley Robbins, Brian Langloss, Jillian Riley, Matt Lawing, Kiarash Rahmanian, Adam Satta, Alicia Smith-Freshwater, Jenise Washington, Ebony West

Others Present: Wilmur Conyers (Staff), Reginald Johnson (Staff), and Matt Schnars (Staff), Terri Porter Homes (Staff), Anthony Scott, CEO of Durham Housing Authority

Excused: N/A

Not Excused: N/A

Call to Order-Welcome to New Members

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm. Meeting started with member and staff introductions

Action on Minutes (February)

Correction: Change Department of Community Development to Community Development Department
Motion made to accept minutes with correction by Ebony West, seconded by Brian Langloss

Nominations/Election of Vice Chair

Judge Shameika Rhinehardt resigned as a member and as Vice Chair of CAC so members are encouraged to nominate someone or yourself for the position. Chair Barnes provided an overview of responsibilities.

Calendar for 2020-21

Ms. Conyers provided attendance guidelines

Motion was made by Brian Langloss to accept 20/21 calendar, Jillian Riley seconded the motion

HUD COVID-19 Funds – Review of Durham Allocation



Durham Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES): Three different sources: CDBG total 1,202,601; Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) total awarded - (Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) - \$70,340

Ebony asked for reminder how funds are deployed
Staff: Most will be used for rental assistance; tax assistance

Chair: Is the City expecting an additional funding?
Staff: No, not expecting additional funding

Chair: Will the scoring remain the same?
Staff: Yes, using the same rubric.

ESG and HOPWA do not have current commitments

Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan Update - Ms. Conyers

For any grantee (City receives four) CBDG HOME, ESG, HOPWA. DCD has to prepare and action plan to tell how the funds will be deployed and spent. Every 5 years, City must submit a consolidated plan. Grantee must submit plan 45 days prior to fiscal year end. COVID-CARES ACT - City asked that it be submitted July 6. HUD has 45 days to review. The four grants are not executed until there is an approved annual action plan.

RFPs (Multifamily, Communications Plan, MWBE, Lead) - Mr. Johnson

RFPs is part of the \$95Mil Bond
Description of each RFP provided, the amount and detail how funds will be used. One of the RFPs have not been issued. The department is actually writing it now.

Affordable Housing Bond Update -DHA Anthony Scott, CEO

Phase overview was provided for each site.
Housing Bond Sites: Oldham Liberty is now 519 E. Main St. 20-23, DHA Office 21-24, Forest Hill Hgts 23-26
The downtown and neighborhood plan is very aggressive plan, in which to expand the housing and downtown Durham, with a particular emphasis on affordable housing first and foremost, and to preserve the current public housing and then expand that in other increments of affordability. The focus is downtown because it has the highest value.

Meeting format near term (Virtual or In Person)

Will continue to meet virtually until further notice



CAC Vision/Mission Statement

Chair Barnes will reach out to Christian Knapp, former member, for notes on progress made. Brian Langloss, Alicia Smith-Freshwater, Ebony West will continue working on updates

Announcements

1. August Meeting-CDBG Overview
2. City Council is appointing a council member to CAC
3. CDC is looking for a volunteer on the LEAD grant review panel - one or two people. Interested individuals should email Mr. Johnson
4. CAC Directory – Please review the information for edits and submit changes to Jenise Washington with a copy to Chair Barnes
5. Jillian Riley is running for Durham Soil and Conservation District – search Durham for Jillian Riley for more information.
6. Next Meeting – 8/24/2020 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.