



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Durham
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
(each Committee member received a personal secure meeting link)
Monthly Meeting Minutes
9/28/2020
6:00 PM

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

Others Present: Wilmur Conyers (Staff), Reginald Johnson (Staff), and Matt Schnars (Staff), Councilman Pierce Freelon (City Council liaison)

Excused: Jillian Riley, Ebony West

Not Excused: N/A

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:03p.m. by Vice Chairman Brian Langloss

Mr. Johnson asked CAC members for introductions

Action on August Minutes

Carl Newman made a motion, second made by Dr. Monique Holsey-Hyman

Consolidated Plan Updates – Wilmur Conyers

City of Durham must submit a five-year plan. The annual action plan is for 20/21, it was submitted June 6th. The consolidated and annual was approved by HUD. Received 4 entitlement grants, the money is also available and ready to spend.

CAC Member Question: Rachel asked if plan was completed in house or contracted out.



Staff Response: Consolidated is completed by consultant. Annual is complete in house

Director's Community Development Updates – Mr. Johnson

COVID-19 relief additional 1.5mil was awarded. 1 Mil was given to DSS for rent relief

US Dept of Housing and Urban – Emergency Solutions Grant and additional 2 mil was awarded. Discussions are taking place to see how the funds may assist the homeless. Community advisors are having input.

There is a need for more CAC member involvement in the grant application review process.

CAC Member's LEAD RFP Feedback - Carl Newman and Jenise Washington shared their experiences.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - Matt Schnars

The smallest of four grants

Target Population – Homeless

The HEARTH Act – shifted the focus to assist with rehousing

ESG allowed to provide support for engagement to bring people in

- Emergency Shelter

- Homeless Prevention

- Rapid Rehousing – Program Component

- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – Grantee

- Administration (7.5%)

Eligibility – Anyone experiencing homelessness

CAC Member: Why is there a small number of folks receiving the money?

Staff: There are strings attached. You have to track and provide a reporting summary.

CAC Mission and Vision Statement - Alicia Smith-Freshwater - Rachel

suggested changing citizen to resident

Alicia will setup a google doc for edits

Body should review and get any updates by 10/19th



Ms. Conyers – Need to add Freelon info to the directory

Announcements - Matt Lawning resigned

Meeting adjourn at 7:33p