

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, October 1, 2012

9:00 A.M. Worksession

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Meeting Room, second floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC

Present: Vice-Chair Ellen W. Reckhow, and Commissioners Philip R. Cousin Jr., Brenda A. Howerton, and Pam Karriker

Absent: Chairman Michael D. Page

Presider: Vice-Chair Ellen W. Reckhow

Vice Chair Reckhow announced that Chairman Page was excused from the meeting. She also announced that the Closed Session had been removed from the agenda.

Citizen Comments

The Board of County Commissioners provided a 30-minute comment period to allow Durham County citizens an opportunity to speak.

No one signed up to speak.

Research Triangle Park Master Plan

Mr. Bob Geolas, President and CEO; and Ms. Liz Rooks, Executive Vice President and COO, Research Triangle Foundation, presented the Park's 50-year Master Plan. Mr. Geolas compared the plans to "sophisticated infill."

Input was solicited from park companies along with local governments on regulatory changes in developing the 50-year plan.

The goal of the Master Plan is to create an environment that will allow RTP to continue to be an economic driver for the innovation economy.

Initiatives to help the Park retain existing firms and remain attractive to new users include more density, more nature, clustered development, 21st century amenities, and sustainability.

Commissioners discussed planning, transit, and infrastructure. Ms. Rooks stated that the basic road structure is good; however additional roads will be needed as the Park expands. There will also be a need for additional electrical support. Regarding transit, commuter rail will likely be

the choice for initial implementation in the Park. Ms. Rooks and Mr. Geolas were asked to encourage companies to partner with the “Go Pass” program for trip reduction.

Museum of Life & Science Capital Campaign Partnership

Mr. Barry A. Van Deman, President and CEO, Museum of Life and Sciences presented plans for the fund raising campaign, “Climbing Higher.”

The Museum Board is requesting that Durham County government lead the campaign by appropriating \$500,000 of uncommitted FY 2012 One-Quarter Cent Sale Tax funds for the campaign which will begin in 2013. The campaign will be a public/private partnership.

Mr. Van Deman highlighted plans for an Explorer’s Forest (\$1.7 million investment) which will replace the antiquated playground, and it in a loop around the trains. A Wind, Water, Rock exhibit will introduce geological exhibits (\$2 million investment).

Manager Ruffin commented and gave his support to the request. The Board supported the campaign. Commissioner Howerton requested that no action be taken until she had an opportunity to discuss funding with the Manager. The matter will be placed on a Board agenda at a later date.

Nursing Home Advisory Committee

Ms. Jessica Fines, Chair, Nursing Home Advisory Committee; Ms. Jennifer Albright, former Chair; and Ms. Dalisay Quiambao-Stevenson, Committee member, presented a report to the Board.

The Nursing Home Advisory Committee consists of 11 volunteers who maintain the rights of residents in nursing homes. The Committee members visit 11 nursing homes to increase community involvement.

Ms. Fines highlighted the culture change that many of the nursing homes are undergoing. The goal is to make the homes a more desirable way of living and working together. The transformations include personalizing rooms, consistent assignment of staff, alternative therapy, dining experience, and more decisions about daily schedules.

October is Long-Term Care Residents’ Rights Month. Ms. Fines asked that the Proclamation signed by Governor Beverly Purdue be entered in to the official record.

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

LONG -TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 50,000 individuals living in nursing homes, and 40,000 individuals living in adult care facilities in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the National Consumer Voice 2012 Residents' Rights theme "My Voice, My Vote, My Right" honors and celebrates citizens and recognizes the importance of resident-centeredness and optimizing the quality of life for all persons living in nursing and adult care homes; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation to protect the rights of residents in nursing homes through the Patients' Bill of Rights and the Residents' Bill of Rights for adult care home residents; and

WHEREAS, all residents should be informed of their rights so they feel empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina reaffirms the rights of long-term care residents, including participating in decisions about their care and their right to vote and be politically active; and

WHEREAS, individuals, groups and long-term care facilities across our nation will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month to promote the importance of affirming these rights through facility practices, public policy and resident-centered decision making.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2012, as "**LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.

Ms. Albright asked the Board to be mindful that most of the residents are covered by Medicaid. There will continue to be large numbers of people requesting Medicaid for long-term care.

Ms. Fines shared with the Board that there are 15 available seats on their Committee. They are seeking additional appointments.

Directive

- Nursing Home Advisory Committee work with the Clerk and Ellen Whelan-Wuest on recruitment.

2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Mr. Andy Henry, Transportation Planner, City of Durham, presented the Plan.

The Plan lists highway, transit and other transportation projects to address future transportation deficiencies through year 2040. It is based on future land use, population, and employment. Projects must be in the MTP to receive state and federal funding (via Transportation Improvement Program – TIP).

Mr. Henry addressed Commissioner Howerton's concerns about transit in northern Durham County. He indicated that express bus service would be going north close to Person County.

Manager Ruffin inquired about the number of funded projects. Mr. Henry responded that the East End Connector is the only project funded at this time. Construction should be completed by 2017.

Other proposed projects include:

- HOV lanes
- US 70 upgrade to freeway
- US 15-501 upgrade to freeway
- I-85 widening
- Northern Durham Parkway
- Roxboro Road widening
- NC 54 widening

Southern Durham County is expected to remain congested even after improvements are made.

There will be a public hearing on November 14 at 7:00pm at City Hall to receive additional comments.

University and College-2 (TC1100015)

Aaron Cain, Planning Supervisor, presented the item. Mr. Cain discussed a text amendment for a new zoning district tailored to meet the needs of North Carolina Central University. Although

similar to the zoning for Duke University, this zoning (UC-2) would be specific for the land-locked university.

The Fayetteville Street-University Land Use Update was adopted by City Council on September 19, 2011. The Plan recommends the creation of the UC-2 zoning district. City Council adopted the proposed text amendment on September 4, 2012.

The text amendment will reflect changes in the review process. The UC-2 district would be exempt from the requirements for a Transportation Special Use Permit.

Staff recommends approval of the text amendment. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the proposed text amendment in May, 2012. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on October 22, 2012.

Ms. Starla Tanner, Director of Government and Community Relations with NCCU was present. She spoke on behalf of the University and affirmed their support of the text amendment. She stated that parking continues to be an issue for the university.

Vice Chair Reckhow hoped to see NCCU work with the Trip Reduction program by diverting more trips to public transit.

Review of Board of County Commissioners' Directives

Ms. Ellen Whelan-Wuest, Assistant to the County Manager, presented to the Board for its review the previous month's directives for staff. The directives covered June, July, August, and September 2012.

Commissioner Howerton asked for an update on Holton. Vice Chair Reckhow gave an oral summary of recent conversations. Manager Ruffin will get additional details.

Vice Chair Reckhow requested Manager Ruffin to convey to Emily Page, General Manager of the ABC Board, the research that was completed regarding distribution of funds.

New Marketing Video to Recruit Citizens to Serve on Durham Volunteer Boards

Ms. Deborah Craig-Ray, Assistant County Manager, and Ms. Michelle Parker-Evans, Clerk to the Board presented a video in keeping with the charge by Commissioners to come up with innovative ways to recruit citizens for boards and commissioners.

Ms. Dawn Dudley, Public Information Specialist, and Ms. Parker-Evans worked with Pelican Productions to plan, write, shoot and edit the video. The video is currently on YouTube, and will air on Channel 8 and be available for additional media. Vice Chair Reckhow asked that it be put on Facebook.

Ms. Parker-Evans will share a copy of the video link with all Board members.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michelle Parker-Evans
Clerk to the Board