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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

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Monday, March 6, 2017

9:00 AM

Commissioners' Chambers

Worksession

"Public Charge"

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As a courtesy to others, please turn off cell phones during the meeting.

9:00 am Worksession Agenda

1. Citizen Comments

[17-0087](#)

Citizen Comments- 30 min

Agenda Text:

The Board of County Commissioners will provide a 30-minute comment period at a meeting once a month. Any citizen of Durham County wishing to speak shall have an opportunity to do so. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate. Speakers must sign in prior to the start of the meeting providing a mail/email address and telephone number so that staff may reply to comments and/or questions. Citizens who request an immediate response from the Board are encouraged to submit a brief description of the issue to the Clerk to the Board two weeks prior to the meeting to allow an opportunity for research prior to the meeting. **All speakers shall have three (3) minutes to speak and are requested to refrain from addressing issues related to personnel matters.**

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Citizen engagement aligns with all five of the strategic goals by allowing the Board to receive comments and concerns from the community related to important issues in Durham County.

Resource Persons: V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive citizen comments and direct staff to respond, as deemed appropriate.

2. Discussion Items:

17-0086

Removal of Citizen Board Members Due to Poor Attendance - 5 mins

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to remove the following members from the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee in keeping with the Attendance Policy approved by the Board of County Commissioners in August, 2014. "If an appointee has absences (excused or unexcused) which constitute more than 50% of the meetings in any calendar year or three (3) consecutive unexcused absences or five (5) consecutive excused absences in any calendar year, he or she is obligated to resign."

- Corey Dunn
- Tricia Howard

The Clerk's Office was notified by the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee of the absences and has attempted to contact the board members. There has been no response.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: When citizens are engaged and partners on our boards and Commissions, the vision of our Strategic Plan is achieved-a thriving, vibrant, diverse community with abundant opportunity for all residents to live, work, learn, play and grow.

Resource Persons: V. Michelle Parker-Evans, County Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board suspend the rules and take action to remove the above listed individuals from the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

17-0092

Presentation from the Home Repair Collaborative- 30 min

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to receive the presentation from the Durham Home Repair Collaborative and consider whether allocating some funding in the FY17-18 budget for this new collaborative would be part of an effective County response to community concerns about affordable housing.

Maintaining a decent, affordable housing stock is an important component of any comprehensive affordable housing strategy. Between federal, state, and local funding streams, there are a number of sources of funding for the kinds of repair and rehabilitation programs which help achieve this goal. Each program, however, has its own delivery mechanism (often a separate public or private

agency), goals, eligibility criteria, implementation strategies, staff, and so on, and as a result the rehab / repair environment has been fairly disjointed and inefficient. Homeowners who could have benefited, for example, from the combined efforts of two organizations and funding streams, for example, often ended up being served by neither. Realizing this, County staff have encouraged local providers and deliverers of these services to sit down and consider how their services might be better coordinated, and how a better coordinated system might be worth greater public investment. Public investments from the County could be new investments and/or the re-routing of some emergency assistance and other funds normally routed through the Department of Social Services.

Several members of the collaborative presented to the City Council and a public hearing about community needs in January, and the City may consider new funding as well the possible re-allocating of money spent currently through City-run rehab programs.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The maintenance of a decent, affordable housing stock serves goals 1-4 of the County's Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Dan Sargent, Executive Director (Rebuilding Together of the Triangle); Peter Skillern, Executive Director (Reinvestment Partners); Ben Filippo, Executive Director (Preservation Durham); Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive the presentation from the Durham Home Repair Collaborative and consider whether allocating some funding in the FY17-18 budget for this new collaborative would be part of an effective County response to community concerns about affordable housing.

Attachments: [Home Repair Program Plan Final](#)

17-0091 **Proposal for Local Food in Durham County Detention Facility- 30 min**

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to receive and consider proposal for a \$30,000 pilot program to support the GAP certification process for Durham farmers and the introduce local food into the Durham County Detention Facility food service system during FY17-18.

There have been a number of attempts in recent years to find a way to introduce local, Durham food products into larger, local, institutional settings, which can both improve the quality of food in those settings as well as provide a stimulus to local farmers and food producers. With the FY16-17 switchover to a new food service provider in the detention facility (ABL, Inc.) and through the continued efforts of County Commissioners, the Soil & Water Conservation District, Reinvestment Partners, Farmer Foodshare, the Sheriff's Office, and others, the attached proposal to move forward with a limited pilot in FY17-18 is

being brought to Commissioners for their consideration.

Starting to redirect local funding to local producers can seem like an expensive proposition. The hope is certainly that further investments in local producers will result in ever greater local economies of scale and thus in lower prices for locally grown and produced food products. When one considers, however, that a dollar spent on local food has nearly three times the aggregate economic impact of a dollar spent through a non-Durham company to purchase food grown elsewhere, the justification for accepting higher local price points can still be relatively straightforward.

The proposal for FY17-18 would be for the Sheriff's Office to receive an additional \$30,000 appropriation for a not-to-exceed contract in that amount with Farmer Foodshare, a local food-based non-profit which would act as a liaison and purchasing agent with local, Durham producers. The funds would be used to either purchase GAP-certified food for the detention facility OR to be used as a 50% cost match for GAP certification expenses of Durham producers.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: A thriving local food network is an important component of Goal 1 - Community and Family Prosperity.

Resource Persons: Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive and consider proposal for a \$30,000 pilot program to support the GAP certification process for Durham farmers and the introduce local food into the Durham County Detention Facility food service system during FY17-18.

Attachments: [Local Food Program Draft 2-21-17](#)

17-0095

Durham County Naming and Renaming Policy Application for Durham County Memorial Stadium Press Box for Tommy Hunt- 15 min

Agenda Text:

The Stadium Authority is requesting the Board of Commissioner to consider naming the press box at the Durham County Memorial Stadium, in honor and recognition of Tommy Hunt's thirty years of service on the Stadium Authority Board. During Mr. Hunt's tenure the stadium has undergone renovation as he presided as Chair over the Authority. This recognition would include Mr. Hunt's name prominently placed on the playing field side of the press box and a single plaque inside the press box area explaining the purpose of the press box naming honor.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: Goal 5 - Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: Frank Davis, Stadium Authority Chairperson; Reco Chavis, Stadium Manager

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that

the Board approve naming the press box at the Durham County Memorial Stadium, in honor of Tommy Hunt and placement of a plaque in the press box to explain the honor.

Attachments: [Memorial Stadium Press Box Naming, Tommy Hunt](#)

17-0088

Resolution from Alliance Behavioral Healthcare - 25 min

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested by Alliance Behavioral Healthcare to review and sign this resolution as a tangible expression of your opposition to further cuts in State funding for public behavioral healthcare. The State funding to serve individuals with mental health, substance use, and intellectual/developmental disabilities has been cut by \$252 million over the past two years, including \$26 million in cuts to the citizens Alliance serves. Additional cuts this year would force Alliance to redirect their fund balance to make up for the shortfall, seriously jeopardizing their reinvestment plan that would use those dollars to create and enhance innovative programs and services that meet the identified needs of their communities, and their constituents.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 2: Health and Well-being for All

Resource Persons: Rob Robinson, CEO, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board review the resolution and direct staff on next steps.

Attachments: [Durham Co Resolution \(020917\)](#)

17-0105

Commissioner Comments- 15 min

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to allow each Commissioner three minutes to report on conferences or make comments regarding issues that may be of interest or concern to the Board.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5

Resource Persons: Board of County Commissioners

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board allow comments from each commissioner and direct staff accordingly.

3. Adjournment