



Durham County

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Meeting Agenda Board of County Commissioners

Monday, January 28, 2019

7:00 PM

Commissioners' Chambers

Regular Session

"Public Charge"

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

7:00 pm Regular Session

1. Opening of Regular Session - Pledge of Allegiance (5 min)
2. Agenda Adjustments (5 min)
3. Announcements (5 min)

19-0047 Announcements

Agenda Text:

1. **GoTriangle Board Approves Free Fare for Unpaid Federal Workers** - GoTriangle's Board of Trustees voted at the January 23, 2019 meeting to offer free fare on all of the agency's routes to federal employees required to work during the prolonged government shutdown.

Federal workers are asked to show only their government IDs to bus operators when boarding. Route maps are available at www.gotriangle.org [<http://www.gotriangle.org>](http://www.gotriangle.org) and for additional questions, please call 919-485-7433.

2. **LIEAP - Low Income Energy Assistance Program:** LIEAP will be open to ALL Durham County residents, January 2 - March 31, 2019. Applications will be taken at the Department of Social Services in the Crisis Lobby #27 Monday - Friday at 414 East Main Street from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Call 919-560-8000 to schedule your LIEAP appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. The LIEAP Program assists with heating only. Bring a photo ID, Social Security card, income verification and verification of heating source-heating bill to your appointment.

3. **2019 Golden Leaf Awards Nominations Now Being Accepted** - Do you know of a Durham property that's outstanding for its design, preservation, curb appeal, or stewardship of the natural and built environment? Nominate it now for the 2019 Golden Leaf Awards. The Durham City-County Appearance Commission and Keep Durham Beautiful are currently seeking property nominations to recognize new developments, buildings, and landscaping in Durham County that provide positive attributes to the community's built environment.

The award categories are Neighborhood Garden & Landscape; Hearth & Home; Adaptive Reuse-Old Building New Design; Small Development (under 12,000 sq. ft.); Large Development (over 12000 sq. ft.); and Keep Durham Beautiful. Nominations can now be submitted at www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com <<http://www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com>> and are due by Friday, February 15. Any projects completed within the last five years that have not already received a Golden Leaf Award are eligible. Awards will be presented at a ceremony in April 2019.

For more information, visit [www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com](http://www.durhamgoldenleaf.com) <<http://www.durhamgoldenleaf.com>> or contact Senior Planner Kayla Seibel with the Durham City-County Planning Department at Kayla.Seibel@DurhamNC.gov <<mailto:Kayla.Seibel@DurhamNC.gov>> or (919) 560-4137, ext. 28271.

4. **Durham YouthWork Program Seeks Local Employers to Host Youth Interns** - This program, now in its 16th year, has a goal to grow from serving approximately 200 youth each summer to serving more than 1,000 youth within the next three years. In 2019, the goal is to offer more than 300 paid youth summer internship opportunities, and local employers are needed to make this a reality.

This year's expo will be held on Saturday, February 23 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Chesterfield Building, located at 107 W. Main St. in downtown Durham.

For more information about hosting summer interns and/or participating in the

2019 Durham YouthWork Job Expo, interested employers should visit the City's website or contact Business Services Manager Jamie Vaughn with the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 560-4965 ext. 15221 or James.Vaughn@DurhamNC.gov <<mailto:James.Vaughn@DurhamNC.gov>>.

5. **Boys of Color Conference** - My Brother's Keeper Durham and North Carolina Central University Male Achievement Center (M.A.C) will kick-off their inaugural conference on April 13, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Miller Morgan Auditorium located at 1801 Fayetteville St (NCCU Campus).

This year's theme is Be the Change: The Re-Dedication to Black Male Achievement. This event is free and is aimed for males ages 14 and up.

Pre-registration is suggested at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-boys-men-of-color-conference-aami-tickets-54901674386?fbclid=IwAR1Q3fHsVyPKeXYDPHtW0-cUHk2rdzDGzSxPTUaJ1CMwTrtNsDuCyZqnyvk>

Volunteers and sponsors are also needed. Please contact mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov <<mailto:mybrotherskeeper@dconc.gov>> if you are interested.

6. **We're 150 Years Old, Y'all!** As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Durham throughout 2019, we're honoring the changemakers who shaped Durham's unique sense of place, and we're rightfully touting Durham's position in the future. Home to scholars, artists, and entrepreneurs, we're accustomed to movement, creativity, and blazing new trails. **SAVE THE DATE, April 13, 2019** - Durham 150 opening celebration. Visit www.DURHAM150.ORG <<http://www.DURHAM150.ORG>> and look for announcements in January for more on how to get involved.

7. **Alert Durham** - Sign Up Today: Durham County wants to keep its citizens informed and safe in the case of an emergency. Sign up for Alert Durham to receive notifications about severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. To sign up for Alert Durham, visit AlertDurham.com <<http://AlertDurham.com>>.

8. **Get Involved!** It's your County. Durham County Government has approximately 43 active advisory boards referred to as Boards and Commissions. Citizens of Durham County may volunteer to participate by applying for a vacancy.

Interested citizens should fill out an application and send it to the Clerk to the Board's Office. A description of the boards as well as a list of vacancies can be found on the County's website at

<http://www.dconc.gov/government/departments-a-e/board-of-commissioners/boards-and-commissions>. If you need additional information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025 or email to: BoardsandCommissions@dconc.gov

This information can also be found on our Durham County Website:

www.dconc.gov <http://www.dconc.gov>

These announcements along with additional details may also be found on the County's website or you may call the Clerk's Office at 919-560-0025.

4. Minutes (5 min)

[19-0048](#)

Minutes

Attachments: [Work Session - December 3, 2018](#)

5. Ceremonial Items

[19-1187](#)

Recognition that Durham County Library Received the Public Relations Promotional Project Award and the Library Programming Award for Children from the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to recognize the recent awards received by Durham County Library. On Thursday, December 6, 2018, Durham County Library received the Public Relations Promotional Project Award and the Library Programming Award for Children from the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association (NCPLDA).

The Public Relations Promotional Project Award was given to Durham County Library for Photographs of Transformation Main. This award recognizes the work of Durham County Library's Graphic Designer, Hitoko Ueyama-Burke, in chronicling the renovation of Main Library. Her regular photographs of the construction site showcase clear progress and give the public access to this community project. Photographs are shared on social media, a page on the library's website "Crane Over Main," and "Inside the Fence," a video series documenting the renovation. The first in that video series had 2,500 views. Facebook posts featuring photographs of the

construction site are among the most popular content the library posts, and tweets featuring Ueyama-Burke's photos between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 got at least 13,770 impressions. One of the library's strategic goals is capturing the culture of Durham. These photographs are part of the library's work to do that and will become a part of the history of Main Library and downtown Durham.

The Library Programming Award for Children was awarded to Durham County Library for Bike Month: Free Helmets for Children. Led by Durham County Library's East Regional Library Adult Services Librarian Mark Donnelly, the program brings together community organizations to celebrate bike riding, teach bike safety, and give free, new, high-quality helmets to children who need them. A total of 130 children received helmets this year. Sixty people attended the Bike Month celebration at Stanford L. Warren Branch Library on May 9, 2018, where children and families enjoyed community, pizza, bicycle decorating, bicycle safety tips, a bike rodeo, helmet sizing, and thirty children received free helmets sized just for them. This year, the celebration continued beyond May, which is National Bike Month, to include the Summer Reading Kickoff where 100 children were sized for and received a free bicycle helmet and around 200 people stopped by the Bicycle Safety booth to learn more about bicycling in Durham.

Bike Month is a community effort. Diverse partners collaborated and shared resources to make the program a success. The four-year collaboration has helped cement the relationship between the library and the Durham Bike Co-Op. Helmets were provided by Safe Kids Durham and a grant from NCDOT that provided 60 helmets. The Bike Co-Op were the primary helmet fitters. The library provided a venue, staffing, planning and organization, and connected Durham Bike Co-Op with an audience it might not otherwise reach. Reverend Sarah Woodard and volunteers from St. Titus Episcopal Church set up a tent and served food and drinks provided by the library. Representative MaryAnn Black attended. Library staff who helped this project succeed include Myrtle Darden, Jovanna Foreman, Anna Cromwell, Darlene Bullock, Laurel Jones, Carlos Parks and a host of library volunteers. Additional key community partners are the City of Durham Police Department, Durham County EMS, Durham County Office of the Sheriff, State of North Carolina Department of Transportation, and LimeBike.

NCPLDA is an association of public library directors whose goals are to share professional knowledge and experience for the good of all members, to serve as advocates for public libraries with the state legislature, to give voice to the aspirations of the public library community, and to serve as the primary liaison between the state library agency and the public libraries. In 2017, Durham County Library Director Tammy Baggett served as the president of NCPLDA.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: These awards recognize aspects of Durham County

Library's effective contributions to furthering Goal 1 of the county's Strategic Plan: Community empowerment and enrichment by providing access to educational, vocational, economic and cultural opportunities while empowering citizens to choose pathways for their own success.

Resource Persons: Tammy Baggett, Library Director; Hitoko Ueyama-Burke, Graphic Designer; and Mark Donnelly, East Regional Library Adult Services Librarian.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize the recent awards received by the Durham County Library.

18-1194

Recognition of Local Teens' Experiment Launching into Space as Part of Go For Launch! Durham, a Partnership Between Higher Orbits, Durham County Library, and the Durham Library Foundation (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to recognize the successful launch of local teens' experiment into space as part of *Go For Launch! Durham*, a partnership between Higher Orbits, Durham County Library, and the Durham Library Foundation.

Higher Orbits is a nonprofit with the mission of promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), along with leadership, teamwork, and communication through the use of spaceflight. *Go For Launch!* is Higher Orbits' flagship STEM experience designed to promote space exploration for aspiring students through interactive, hands-on activities delivered by experienced industry professionals.

In 2017 and 2018, Durham County Library and the Durham Library Foundation sponsored *Go For Launch! Durham* to give area students the opportunity to participate. Higher Orbits typically costs \$250 per student, but with the generous support of the Durham Library Foundation, the library was able to offer the first event for \$25 per student and then to bring the cost all the way to zero for five additional events. About 200 teens were able to participate.

Students worked in teams to design and present science experiments to a panel of judges in the space and STEAM fields, including an astronaut. The judges chose a winning team at each Durham event. Those teams then competed for the chance to see their experiment launched to the International Space Station.

Team Orion's "Radiotrophic Fungi: A Possible Radiation Barrier" experiment won and launched to the International Space Station (ISS) on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 on the SpaceX CRS-16 mission. Triangle high school students and team Orion members Graham Shunk, Srikar Prasad Kaligotla, Xavier Gomez, Jamison R. Fuller, and Finn Poulin developed their experiment to address the ever-present problem of high radiation levels in space travel and habitation. The teens were on-site at Kennedy

Space Center, Florida to watch their winning experiment launch to the International Space Station aboard a Falcon 9 rocket on the SpaceX CRS-16 mission. In partnership with Space Tango, their experiment will be executed inside the International Space Station within Space Tango's TangoLab.

Special recognition goes to Matthew Clobridge, the library's Technology Management Administrator, who took the lead on bringing this program to Durham, to Higher Orbits founder, Michelle Lucas, former International Space Station Flight Controller and Astronaut Instructor, and to the generous contributions that made it possible to offer this program at no cost to so many young people.

Visit www.DurhamCountyLibrary.org/goforlaunch to view photos. Visit <http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1109927824486&ca=a08c428d-3135-477d-8655-ba8a2994fd78> to see the project featured by the Urban Libraries Council along with a video of the project and launch.

Alignment With Strategic Plan: This program furthers Goal 1 of the county's Strategic Plan: Community empowerment and enrichment by providing access to educational, vocational, economic and cultural opportunities while empowering citizens to choose pathways for their own success.

Resource Persons: Tammy Baggett, Library Director, and Matthew Clobridge, Technology Management Administrator.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board recognize the successful launch of local teens' experiment into space as part of *Go For Launch! Durham*, a partnership between Higher Orbits, Durham County Library, and the Durham Library Foundation.

19-0049

Proclamation - Together for Resilient Youth Prevention Month (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to issue a proclamation declaring February as Together for Resilient Youth Month in Durham County. The purpose of this proclamation is to promote resilience and increase environmental strategies to all residents in Durham.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Community & Family Prosperity and Enrichment; Goal 3: Safe & Secure Community

Resource Persons: Dr. Wanda Boone, Founder

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board issue a proclamation in recognizing Together for Resilient Youth Month.

Attachments: [Proclamation - T.R.Y Prevention Month - January 2019](#)
[2017 Youth Risk Behavior Report - FINAL](#)

6. Consent Agenda (15 min)

[19-0019](#)

Property Tax Releases and Refunds for December 2018

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to approve the Releases & Refunds for the month of December 2018.

Due to property valuation adjustments for over assessments, listing discrepancies, duplicate listings, and clerical errors, etc. the attached report details releases and refunds for the month of December 2018.

Releases and Refunds for 2018 total \$53,291.49. Prior year's releases and refunds for December 2018 are in the amount of \$0.00. The current year and prior year's releases and refunds amount to \$53,291.49.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5, Accountable, Efficient, Visionary Government. To ensure the county complies with North Carolina General Statutes ensures we are accountable to our citizens. The Board of E&R ensures that we are accountable and efficient as tax revenues are impacted by the actions of this Board. The actions of the tax department and this Board impact all strategic goals due to the revenues needed.

Resource Persons: Teresa Hairston, Interim Tax Administrator

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board accept the property tax release and refund report for December 2018 as presented and authorize the Tax Assessor to adjust the tax records as outlined by the report.

Attachments: [Backup-Tax Release and Refunds-December 2018-January 28, 2019](#)
[NCVTS Pending Refund report December 2018](#)
[Releases and Refunds Backup Detail-December 2018-January 28, 2019](#)

7. Public Hearings

[19-0027](#)

2017 Evaluation and Assessment Report of the Durham Comprehensive Plan (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to hold a public hearing to receive comment and approve changes to policies and the Future Land Use Map of the *Durham Comprehensive Plan* as part of the 2017 Evaluation and Assessment Report (EAR).

Summary. Policy 1.1.4a of the Durham Comprehensive Plan requires the Planning Department to submit an annual Evaluation and Assessment Report (EAR) to the governing boards. The EAR serves as an opportunity to highlight progress in implementing the Plan, to propose changes to the policies and Future Land Use Map (FLUM) of the Plan, and to present local and national land use trends and issues.

List Attachments

Attachment 1 - Approved Plan Amendments in 2017

Attachment 2 - Recommended *Comprehensive Plan* Text Changes

Attachment 3 - Recommended Changes to the *Future Land Use Map*

Attachment 4 - Planning Commission Comments

Attachment 5 - Resolution

Alignment with Strategic Plan: The EAR is aligned with Goal 5 of the County Strategic Plan, Accountable, Efficient, and Visionary Government, consistent with the *Unified Development Ordinance*, Section 3.4.10

Resource Persons: Laura D. Woods, Senior Planner, and Patrick O. Young, AICP, Planning Director.

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board hold a public hearing to receive comment and approve the 2017 Evaluation and Assessment Report of the Durham Comprehensive Plan.

Attachments:

[Evaluation and Assessment Report_BOC_DRAFT](#)

[Attachment 1 - Approved Plan Amendments in 2017](#)

[Attachment 2 - Recommended Comprehensive Plan Text Changes](#)

[Attachment 3 - Recommended FLUM Change](#)

[Attachment 4 - PC Comments](#)

[Attachment 5 Resolution](#)

19-0051

Adoption of Resolutions related to Authorization of \$50M General Obligation (GO) Refunding Bonds, Series 2019, including Holding a Public Hearing on and Adopting the General Obligation Refunding Bond Order (10min)

Agenda Text:

The Board is requested to hold a public hearing on the general obligation refunding bond order introduced at the January 14th meeting and, upon conclusion of the public hearing, to adopt the refunding bond order. Following adoption of the bond order, the Board is requested to adopt the attached resolution which authorizes the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (\$50M). These Bonds will refund the County's General Obligation Public Improvement Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2017, which was authorized pursuant to bond orders approved in the 2016 referendum for community college, library, museum and school purposes.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Goal 5: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary

Government

Resource Persons: Susan Tezai, Chief Financial Officer

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board hold the public hearing, adopt the refunding bond order and adopt the attached resolution authorizing the issuance of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (\$50M).

Attachments: [Durham County 2019 GO Refunding Bond - Public Hearing Minutes](#)
[Durham County 2019 GO Refunding Bond - Refunding Bond Order](#)
[AAF Supplemental Document - 2019 Public Hearing, Adopt Bond Order and Re Bond Resolution - Durham County GO Refunding \(2019 Note Takeout\) - Edit ..](#)
[11499485_v4_Official Statement-Durham 2019 GO Bonds](#)
[11528606_v2_Bond Purchase Agreement-Durham 2019 GO Ref Bonds](#)

8. Board and Commission Appointments (10 min)

19-0040

Board and Commission Appointments

Agenda Text: Monica Toomer, Interim Clerk to the Board, will distribute ballots to the Board to make appointments to the following boards:

- Durham County Hospital Corporation Board of Trustees
- Open Space and Trails Commission
- Public Health Board
- Transportation Advisory Board

The Board of Commissioners recognizes the need to have a representative sample of the citizens of Durham County serve on boards, commissions, committees and authorities. No citizen may serve more than four consecutive terms for 2-year term boards; three consecutive terms for 3-year term boards; two consecutive terms for 4-year term boards; and one consecutive term for 5 and 6-year term boards in any one position, unless otherwise stated by statute; or there are no other applicants who meet the eligibility requirements. The Equalization and Review Board shall be exempt from these term limits.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Goal 5 Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government. 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: Monica Toomer, Interim Clerk to the Board

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board of County Commissioners vote to appoint a member to the aforementioned Boards and Commissions.

Attachments: [28january19](#)

9. ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (20 min)

10. Closed Session

[19-0065](#) Closed Session

Agenda Text: The Board is requested to adjourn to Closed Session for the following:

- To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)
- To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item aligns with Strategic Plan Goal: Accountable, Efficient and Visionary Government

Resource Persons: Lowell Siler, County Attorney

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board adjourn to Closed Session and direct staff as appropriate

10. Adjournment