

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

Saturday, April 21, 2012

9:30 A.M. Partners Against Crime /District 1

MINUTES

Place: Holton Career & Resource Center, 401 North Driver Street, Durham, NC 27703

Present: Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, and Commissioners Joe W. Bowser, Brenda A. Howerton, Pam Karriker; Deputy County Manager Marqueta Welton; Pam Meyer, Director of Budget & Management Services; and Angela Pinnix, Administrative Assistant I, Clerk to the Board's Office

Absent: Chairman Page

Welcome

Co-Facilitator James Chavis welcomed everyone to the PAC 1 meeting. He observed a moment of silence.

Law Enforcement Update

Keith Johnson, Supervisor of Investigations, Durham Police Department (DPD), provided a brief update on departmental operations carried out for the month of April. He addressed the following concerns asked by members of the community:

- Shots being fired near vacant homes
- Unlicensed group homes
- Ticketing cars parked on sidewalks
- ATV's speeding through neighborhoods
- Warrant squad

Officer Chris Shepard gave a presentation on gang activity. He informed everyone about Operation Knock-Knock. He responded to the following:

- Monitoring illegal activity in Sherwood Park
- Patrolling neighborhoods near Southern High School

Introduction

Co-Facilitator Vivian McCoy introduced the County Commissioners. She opened the forum for questions from co facilitators and citizens.

The Commissioners responded to the following:

- The number of charter schools in Durham County; County funding for charter schools; and Negative impact of charter schools
- Collaboration with Durham Public Schools (DPS) and Commissioners and meeting regularly
- Awareness of Academic Readiness Center
- Support of placing Animal Control under the Sheriff's Department
- Do funds go back to DPS if a student leaves the charter school?
- High concentration of unlicensed group homes and creative ways to regulate group homes.
- Guidelines for group homes

Ralphele Reels, CZO, Senior Planner, replied to the following concerns:

- Lack of response from City-County Planning Department in regards to unlicensed group homes
- Regulating the licensing process
- What can be done to prevent homeowners renting to group homes?

Durham County Gang Initiative

Jim Stuit, Gang-Reduction Strategy Manager, provided a brief overview of the gang initiative. He discussed the timeline of reduction efforts in Durham as well as the current status and challenges. He responded to questions asked by citizens.

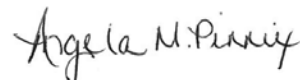
Directives

1. Deputy County Manager Marqueta Welton to follow up regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between DPS and County Commissioners.
2. PAC 1 to consider inviting Durham County Sheriff's Office to attend future PAC meetings to address any concerns and/or questions pertaining to animal control or safety.
3. Have a discussion at the Joint City-County Committee meeting about the need for additional zoning inspectors.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. McCoy adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela M. Pinnix
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Clerk to the Board's office