

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

Monday, January 3, 2011

9:00 A.M. Work session

MINUTES

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

Present: Chairman Michael D. Page, Vice-Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, and Commissioners Joe W. Bowser (left at 11:00 a.m.), Becky M. Heron, and Brenda A. Howerton

Absent: None

Presider: Chairman Page

Citizen Comments

The Board of County Commissioners provided a 30-minute comment period at the beginning of the Work session meeting to allow any citizen of Durham County to speak. The Board may direct staff to research and reply to the concerns, if appropriate.

The following speakers spoke to the Commissioners about business decisions that Duke University Health Systems have made that has a significant impact on Durham residents:

- Snead Ingersoll, Practice Administrator, N.C. Eye, Ear, Nose, & Throat
- Dwight Perry, Physician, Eye, Ear, Nose, & Throat
- David Sappenfield, Ophthalmologist, N.C. Eye, Ear, Nose, & Throat
- Carlton Miller, Physician, Durham Internal Medicine
- Richard Bruch, Orthopedic, Triangle Orthopedic

Directive

Provide a summary to the Board indicating what Durham County could do to change what is happening; include how Duke University is steering people away from community physicians; and follow up with the Board in regards to meeting Duke University.

RTP Strategic Plan

Rick Weddle, President and CEO, Research Triangle Foundation, introduced this item. He stated that Research Triangle Park (RTP) Foundation is undertaking the first comprehensive master plan for the Research Triangle Parks since its inception in 1959.

Mr. Weddle highlighted the following:

- Who We Are

- Current Challenges
- Master Plan (A transformative vision for the future)
- Multi-Disciplinary Team
- What We've Learned
- Themes to Consider
- New Land Uses
- Enhanced Market Objectives
- How Success Would Be Measured
- RTP 2.0
- Next Steps

Mr. Weddle and staff responded to the following concerns and questions posed by the Board:

- Is residential housing being considered in RTP?
- How would RTP connect more to Durham County?
- How much of RTP is in Wake County?
- How is the Chamber of Commerce interfacing in terms of the model?
- What is the RTP's position on transportation?
- What are the plans for ridership in RTP?
- Are there plans for entrepreneurialship in the location?
- Explain modernized product.
- How the County could be engaged in RTP's efforts.
- Continuing to be environmentally friendly.
- The number of companies located in the park.

Directives

1. Consider ways to implement more restaurants.
2. Provide a directory of all the RTP companies to the Board.
3. Consider conditional resources for employees.
4. Clerk to the Board to set a date and time for the Commissioner to tour RTP.

Durham County Department of Social Services-Update

Gerri Robinson, Director, Department of Social Services, presented this item citing that the Board of County Commissioners requested to receive an update including a review and analysis of poverty data in Durham County from the provider of mandated safety net services. Durham County Department of Social Services' (DCDSS) budget has been reduced over the last two fiscal years while the need for mandated safety net program services continues to increase.

Ms. Robinson briefed the Board on challenges facing the most vulnerable citizens of Durham County and the DCDSS' struggle to provide them safe net services. DCDSS customers are becoming more diverse and more apt to advocate for themselves hence the briefing provides solid program and census data for BOCC's reference in budget preparation and review. Fiscal strategies to leverage all funds and resources would be shared. She also enlightened

the Commissioners on the department's imaging project and dual goals of moving into a paperless environment and preparing for movement into the new Human Resource Building in 2012.

Ms. Robinson outlined the following:

- Economic Forecast for Low Income Families
- Emergency Assistance needs in this economic climate
- Expanding caseloads in Food and Nutrition Services, Medical Assistance, Work First Cast Assistance
- Changing profile of our customer base
- Child Care Update
- Community Results Report
- Imaging Project Update
- Revenue Enhancements

The Board thanked Ms. Robinson and staff for the hard work being done for the community.

Staff replied to questions asked by the Board.

Directives

1. Allow the community to revisit the structure to ensure they are being served efficiently and effectively
2. Follow up with the new executive director regarding partnership.
3. Forward an RFP to Chairman Page in terms of the bidding process.

Review of Proposed Contracts with Global Spectrum for Management of Durham Convention Center During and After Renovations

Wendell Davis, Deputy County Manager introduced this item stating that after 15 years of contracting with The Shaner Group, LLC, for management of the Durham Convention Center (DCC), the City and County, equal co-owners of the facility, put the management contract out to bid in the fall of 2010. Three bids, including one from Shaner, were received by the end of October. Representatives from all three bidders were interviewed on November 11th by a seven person review committee comprised of top City and County staff, including staff with deep familiarity with the facility as well as the City and County finance directors. Global Spectrum was the unanimous first choice of the committee.

Mr. Davis added that the work Global Spectrum would be doing on behalf of the owners is split into two parts. They would be ramping up the operation, doing sales and marketing, and managing a few, select events (including Full Frame Film Festival in April 2011) during the period in which the Convention Center would be under construction (roughly January – July 2011). A second contract would cover their management of the facility post-construction. Both periods and contracts are to be discussed today.

Drew Cummings, Assistant County Manager, conveyed the following:

- Introduction of Global Spectrum
 - Historical Update
 - Phase II Capital Upgrades
 - New Pre-Function Corridor
 - New Ballroom Divisions & Rendering
 - Comparison of Annual Operating Deficits at DCC
 - Why Put DCC Mgmt. Out for Bid?
 - Global Spectrum's Bid
 - Global Spectrum Kitchen Proposal
 - Global Spectrum Business Plan
 - Case Study A (Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls)
 - Pueblo Convention Center
 - Proposed Contracts with Global Spectrum
 - Details to Iron out with Shaner/Hotel
1. Noted Concerns

Staff entertained questions asked by the Board.

Directives

1. Consider culinary programs at Durham Technical Community College and Durham high schools to engage the community.
2. Submit yearly reports to the Board regarding the outcomes that have occurred.
3. Place on the January 24 agenda.

Architectural Service With Vines Architecture, Inc For the Design of Two Mezzanine Floors in the General Service Building

The Board approved in the 2010-2011 budget for architectural design services for two grated mezzanine floors in the General Services building to provide additional storage space. Staff solicited a Request for Qualification No 11-003 on September 16, 2010. There were five (5) respondents, and Vines Architecture, Inc of Research Triangle Park was selected as the preferred firm.

Motiryo Keambiroiro, General Services Director, informed the Board that contract negotiations were entered into with the understanding that the project would be in two phases. In Phase I, the designer would develop and provide plans, specifications and cost estimates suitable for bidding and construction of two free standing mezzanines within the Durham County General Services building to comply with all building codes. Phase II would consist of supplemental services for construction, bidding and contract administration should the project be funded for construction in the 2011-2012 budget.

The Board is requested to authorize the County Manager to execute the contract with Vines Architecture for the Phase I design service for General Service mezzanine floors. This agreement would allow Phase II work to proceed if the construction budget is authorized in

the2011-2012budgetsforconstructionadministrati veserviceswhichwouldbeprovidedby theArchitect.

Ms.Keambiroirorespondedtothefollowing:

- Howdoestheprojectrelatetothestoragefacility ?
- Whatistheestimatedcostforthemezzanine?
- ReducingthecostbyeliminatingPhaseII.

Mr.Davis made comments about the stakeholder's mee ting and focal points for Southside development.

Directives

1. Provide more detailed information regarding what is being proposed and is it cost effectivealternativetocreatestorage
2. PlacetheagreementontheJanuary10consentagenda.

Adjournment

Therebeingnofurtherbusiness,ChairmanPageadjo urnedthemeetingat12:58.

RespectfullySubmitted,

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