

Minutes - Draft

**PECS-Planning, Economic Development & Community Services
Committee**

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

2:00 PM

Meeting Started At: 2:06PM

Attendees: Commissioners Johnson, Long Spears, Patrick, Cochran-Johnson, Terry

Present 3 - Commissioner Larry Johnson, Michelle Long Spears, and Robert Patrick

I. MINUTES

2023-1164 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the September 12, 2023 Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Long Spears, and Patrick

2023-1250 Commission District(s): ALL
Minutes for the September 26, 2023 Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Committee Meeting
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Long Spears, and Patrick

II. AGENDA ITEM

Previously Heard Agenda Items:

Board of Commissioners - District 1

2023-0792 Commission District(s): District 1
2023 Mid-Year Budget Request to Support the Creation of a Small Business Revolving Loan Fund and Technical Assistance Program to Expand Decide DeKalb's Local Business Resources
MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/24/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Long Spears, and Patrick

-information provided by President DeBarr

-Question LJ: how much will you paying them to do this?

Response provided by Mr. DeBarr

-Question MLS: you said this revolving loan fund is happening in other communities; could you provide information regarding examples of other jurisdictions using this?

D DeBarr: yes we can do that

-Question MLS: could you provide information on how the loan funds work in other governments in the metro area?

-response provided by Mr. DeBarr

-Question MLS: how did you land on the amount of \$50,000?

-response provided by Mr. DeBarr

-Question MLS: is the total amount \$2 million like on our sheet?

-D DeBarr: that was the original amount but now it has been updated to \$2.5 million

-TT: I would ask that we could align categories in the business sector with some of our policy goals in the Commission offices. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by Mr. DeBarr

-Question LJ: we had a program on facades and programs for people that want their frontages done; could you provide me with more information on that program? I would like to see if we can have a program like that be put in motion

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-information provided by COO Williams

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

-Question MLS: regarding monitoring for the façade program, we would have to ensure the dollars were used for the façade improvements?

-response provided by Commissioner Johnson

-comments provided by President DeBarr

-Question MLS: regarding TAD's, TAD dollars were used for façade programs?

-D DeBarr: that's correct; additional response provided by Mr. DeBarr

-comments provided by Commissioner Cochran-Johnson

-Commissioner Johnson requests in those 30 days Mr. DeBarr and Mr. Williams to provide in 2 weeks the information discussed back to the Board member so they can flesh it out prior to return in committee

-MLS: motion to defer 30 days, with a substitute amending the purpose statement from \$2M to \$2.5M

Board of Commissioners - District 6

2023-0902

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
To Approve a District 6 American Rescue Plan Funding of
\$100,000 to Establish a DeKalb County Eviction Defense Fund to
Assist Qualified Residents with Legal Representation
**MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle
Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for
deferral to the Board of Commissioners, due back on
10/24/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Long Spears, and Patrick

-information provided by Commissioner Terry

-Question TT: we don't have a contract with anyone to do this work. Can we use the existing Atlanta Legal Aid contract to make room in the contract to work in this regard or do we need a separate contract?

-LJ: Mr. Williams when we have our special called meeting please bring back the information Commissioner Terry is discussing. We would need specifics regarding the program at that time

-Question LJ: how much was allocated?

-COO Williams: it was approximately \$5M in ERA2 that was for a set aside to be determined how we used it. Here we are looking at the establishment of the fund - the \$100,000 gets it started but it will go very quickly. Additional comments provided by COO Williams regarding the need to develop a comprehensive strategy dealing with evictions

-Question LJ: so what you will bring back is a multifaceted approach to evictions prevention and intervention?

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question LJ: how do you plan to work around issues that we can't control? Is that how you are trying to put all those components together in a comprehensive way?

-response provided by COO Williams

-Question LJ: please show the data to this committee - how many people facing evictions have children in the school system. What role will the School District play from GED to after school programs and how they will use their ARP funds for programs? We need to ensure the schools are at the table if this is to be comprehensive; also all the people across sectors that are involved in this - and bring it back to us

-comments provided by Commissioner Long Spears

-Question MLS: is there a reason we can't just vote on this today regarding the \$100,000?

-TT: the reason why I wanted to wait is because I don't want funds to be appropriated until I know there is a structure in place and a holistic approach. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-LJ: Staff let's look at November 6th as the next special called PECS date

-comments provided by Commissioner Patrick regarding affordable housing

-RP: motion to defer to November 6th 9AM Special Called PECS meeting

New Agenda Items:

Human Services (HS)

[2023-1097](#) Commission District(s): All
RFP - Request for Proposal No. 23-500644 In-Home Services for Seniors and Their Caregivers (Three (3) Year Multiyear Contract): for use by the Department of Human Services (HS). Consists of providing in home services to seniors who need assistance for their daily living. Recommend award to each proposer who is responsive and responsible: CSS Corp dba CSS Healthcare Services, Inc. and Trusted Hands Senior Care, LLC. Total Amount Not To Exceed: \$1,561,500.00.

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/24/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Long Spears, and Patrick

-information provided by Director Scott

-Question TT: this will be certified nursing assistants; what is the approximate way for the CNA's?

D Scott: the county doesn't determine a wage, we award the contract; its up to the providers to pay the CNA's based on the company

Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs (RPCA)

[2023-1119](#) Commission District(s): 4 and 6
Acquisition of Land Property for the Expansion of Cedar Park
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/24/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Long Spears, and Patrick

-information provided by RPCA Deputy Director Marvin Billups

[2023-1187](#) Commission District(s): All Districts
Ratification of R. M. Richards LLC Consulting Contract Purchase Agreement 1266207
MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/24/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Long Spears, and Patrick

-information provided by RPCA Deputy Director Marvin Billups

Board of Commissioners

2023-1160 Commission District(s): All Commission Districts
Support For ACCG's Urging Resolution To Georgia Governor And
Legislative Representatives In Support For Additional Mental Health
Reform Efforts In The State Of Georgia

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/24/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Long Spears, and Patrick

-information provided by Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Patrick

Board of Commissioners - District 3

[2023-1276](#) Commission District(s): District 3
DeKalb County Board of Commissioners Supports Efforts Designed
to Provide Every Citizen in Need to Have Accessible, Affordable,
and Adequate Mental Health Services.

MOTION was made by Robert Patrick, seconded by Michelle Long Spears, that this agenda item be recommended for approval. to the Board of Commissioners, due back on 10/24/2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Long Spears, and Patrick

-information provided by Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Patrick

-presentation and update on the Intrenchment Creek Park provided by COO Williams

-Question MLS: if you could provide us with more information so that we can see what you are proposing

-Question TT: when there is not a fenced off part of the park then people will be clear to continue their walks and recreation?Z Williams: correct their walks through the woods

-Question TT: I would ask that as we are doing the trail master plan update, we are considering the purpose of this trail realignment. Additional comments provided by Commissioner Terry

-comments provided by Commissioner Johnson

-Question LCJ: where are we with Mr. Millsap on the commitments made and deliverables in exchange for the acres that the County exchanged?

-comments provided by COO Williams

Meeting Ended At: 3:11PM

MOTION was made by Michelle Long Spears, seconded by Robert Patrick, that this agenda item be adjourned meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Commissioner Johnson, Long Spears, and Patrick

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood CCC, CMC