

APPENDIX C

Citizen Comments

**Public Comments at Public Hearing
Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Durham City Council
(Excerpted from Approved Minutes)**

SUBJECT: FY 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan "Needs" Public Hearing

To conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the FY 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan "Needs" related to community development needs.

Larry Jarvis, with the Department of Community Development, made opening remarks concerning this item.

Wilmur Conyers, with the Department of Community Development, stated the purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the community development needs in Durham neighborhoods as it relates to the use and receipt of Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership funds, and Emergency Solutions Grant funds. This public hearing is a requirement for the preparation and submission of the City's 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan. Notice of this meeting was advertised in the *Herald Sun* and *Carolina Times*. She reported as a recipient of CDBG, HOME and ESG funds, the City is required to hold at least two public hearings prior to the submission of its Annual Action Plan. In addition, the City is required to publish a copy of its Draft Annual Action Plan for at least 30 days prior to its submission and the Plan must be submitted to HUD by May 15 of each year. She stated Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not yet notified the City of its FY 2013-2014 entitlement allocations. However, for planning purposes the City expects to receive approximately \$1.4 million in CDBG, \$650,000 in HOME and \$150,000 in ESG funds. She stated comments from this public hearing and written comments received from citizens during the development of the Action Plan will be incorporated into the final Plan.

Mayor Bell opened the public hearing. There being no one to speak in support for or against this item, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Note: No action was taken by the City Council on this item.

**Public Comments at Public Hearing
Monday, February 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Board of County Commissioners
(Excerpted from Approved Minutes)**

FY 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan "Needs" Public Hearing

Chairman Foster recognized Ms. Wilmur Conyers, City of Durham, who introduced the item. Ms. Conyers stated the purpose of the public hearing, provided an overview of the annual action plan and the anticipated uses for the City-County HOME Consortium funds.

Chairman Foster opened the public hearing and recognized citizens who signed up to speak.

Ms. April Johnson, Citizens Advisory Committee, read a prepared statement regarding housing issues and economic opportunities for low-and-moderate income families in Durham County.

Chairman Foster closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Reckhow questioned if the funding amount anticipated to be received this year was based on the amount received during the previous fiscal period. Ms. Conyers replied in the affirmative and stated that an anticipated fifteen percent reduction in funding had been taken in to account.

Vice-Chair Howerton asked Ms. Conyers to again review the financial portion of the presentation.

Vice-Chair Howerton moved, seconded by Commissioner Page to receive the public comments on the FY 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan "Needs" related to community development needs.

The motion passed unanimously.