



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City of Durham
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
(Each committee member received a personal secure meeting link)
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2022
6:00 PM

CAC Wiki Page - <https://sites.google.com/view/cac-wiki/home>
<https://youtu.be/eBuL73mziYUCAC> meeting (YouTube recording)

The Durham Citizens Advisory Committee met on the above date and time with the following members present: LeVon Barnes (Chair), Eberhardt, Lea Efird, Amy Jones, Seth Kandl, Brian Langloss (Vice Chair), Adam Sadda, Alicia Smith-Freshwater, Ebony West

Others Present: Reginald J. Johnson (Staff), Terri Porter Holmes (Staff), Matt Schnars (Staff), Leonardo Williams (Council liaison)

Excused: Rachel Eberhardt, Monique Holsey-Hyman

Not Excused: Richard LaBennett, , Shaneka Bynum

I – Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman Barnes
- Alicia Smith-Freshwater, secretary to the role

II – Action on previous meetings minutes

- Approved minutes from the February meeting. No corrections

III – Update from Subcommittee for CDW (Ebony West)

Community Development Week

April 11 – 15, 2022: after much discussion, the Committee decided to focus on two virtual events and one in-person event to include a tour of Willard Street apartments. The schedule of the tour will be determined by polling the members.

- Virtual meeting highlighting the impact of CDBG + HOME programs/projects
 - Highlight grantees who have received funds - and their impact
 - COVID Recovery
 - Affordable Housing
 - Homelessness
 - Food Insecurity
 - Services for Seniors and Youth
 - Representative from Durham City Council or Congressional Representation (Rep. David Price?)



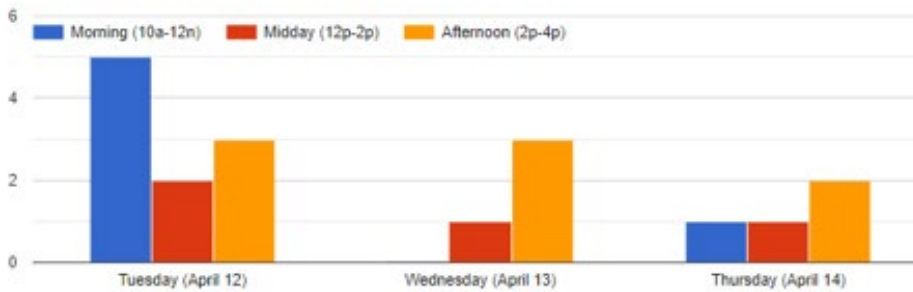


- Pitch a local newspaper (INDY, Herald, or N&O) to do a story about projects
- Proclamation from Durham Mayor
- Social Media Blitz
- Tour of Affordable Housing in Durham (DH)

Events: Activities planned for M-W as follows:

- Mon: NC Data Works Webinar [VIRTUAL]
- Tues: Tour and discussion of Willard Street Apartments
- Wed: Letter writing campaign to NC-6 candidates on importance of CDBG and HOME programs

What times are you available for the Willard Street Development Tour (Community Development Week) Copy



Any other comments and/or questions?

2 responses

I can not make the other days

What is the meeting location?

IV – Review Draft of Annual Action Plan (Reginald J. Johnson)

- Required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to have an initiation public hearing before we develop the annual action plan.
- Mr. Johnson provided a high-level overview of the 80-page action plan. CAC members are encouraged to review the document in its entirety.
- Ensure a detailed review of the funding recommendations with respect to CDBG, affordable housing, homelessness, HOPWA, ESG, etc.
- The annual 5-year assessment contains public comments around barriers to affordable housing
- LINK to the document: _____





Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Contracts 2018-2021

| VENDOR NAME | CATEGORY | CDBG Contracted Amount |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| CASA | REHABILITATION OF HOUSING UNITS-MAPLEWOOD | \$406,271 |
| DURHAM COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTEES | REHABILITATION OF HOUSING UNITS-SCATTERED SITES | \$213,673 |
| DURHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY | REHABILITATION OF HOUSING UNITS-LAUREL OAKS | \$551,946 |
| FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD | HOMELESS SHELTER SUPPORT | \$316,500 |
| FULCHER ELECTRIC | PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL INSTALLATION | \$600,539 |
| KIMLEY HORN AND ASSOCIATES INC | PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL INSTALLATION | \$90,000 |
| REINVESTMENT PARTNERS | REHABILITATION OF HOUSING UNITS-ROSS ROAD | \$1,005,689 |
| URBAN MINISTRIES OF DURHAM | HOMELESS SHELTER SUPPORT | \$274,500 |
| | Total | \$3,459,118 |

V – Public comments or questions (none)

VI – Announcements

- Matt Schnars was recognized for his excellent support of this committee, the Community Development Office; city of Durham (especially for his service as the Senior Planning and Performance Management Manager)
- Matt will be starting a new role next month. All the committee thanked him for his awesome support.

VII – Update from City Council member Leonardo Williams

- Encouraged more education sessions with community to ensure clarity on how city government works
- Two hot topics are Shot-Spotter Technology and city budget funding for Durham Bulls renovation/upgrades
- Shot-spotter Technology is being explored to address gun violence in Durham
- Approximately \$10M is being allocated in the City Budget for construction and repairs. The Durham Bulls has brought over \$500 million of revenue to the city.
- Apple is bringing 14,000 new jobs to the Raleigh-Durham area

VIII – Meeting Adjourned

- Motion requested by Chairman Barnes

