



## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**City of Durham**  
**Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**  
***(Each committee member received a personal secure meeting link)***  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24, 2022**  
**6:00 PM**

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The Durham Citizens Advisory Committee met on the above date and time with the following members present: Ahmed Ali, Robert Brown, Rachel Eberhardt, Lea Efird (Secretary), Amy Jones, Richard LaBennett, Brian Langloss (Chair), Ann Rebeck

**Others Present:** Reginald J. Johnson (Staff), Juliet Black (Staff), Colin Davis (Staff), Monique Holsey-Hyman (Council Liaison)

**Excused:** Reshockie Furnace, Seth Kandl, Carl Newman (Vice Chair)

**Unexcused:** Donald Hughes

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### **6:05p – Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman Langloss
- Roll call completed by Secretary Efird

### **6:07 p – Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes were approved for the September meeting.

### **6:10 p – Community Development Department Update (Homelessness Division) – Mr. Colin Davis**

- Oversee some housing choice and emergency housing vouchers, which were a COVID-19 change
- Department receives entitlement funds from HUD, and all contracts are with the City
- They are also the lead agency for HUD continuum of care (COC) and state emergency solutions funding
  - They work as a collaborative applicant that works with a team of partners, and HUD contracts with those partners directly
- The department's COC, with the partnership of other organizations, includes coordinated entry and diversion, rapid rehousing subsidies, street outreach, emergency shelter, case management, and other services for the homeless population
- Are working on a new program for landlord engagement to encourage their support (acceptance of vouchers, etc.) for the homeless population, which is typically regarded negatively by landlords due to negative credit history, justice involvement, low/no income, etc.
- Used FEMA and HUD funds to provide socially distanced emergency shelter and support services during COVID-19, and local funds will maintain those resources until June 30, 2023



- Once the program ends and pre-pandemic operations resume, capacity should not be dramatically reduced, but shelters may never be at 100% capacity
- Have also worked on a homeless prevention program using COVID funds, specifically for folks who were experiencing eviction and who have a history of experiencing homelessness since program funds were limited
- Have also funded an isolation emergency shelter so that those isolating due to COVID-19 would not have to do so on the street or in congregate shelters
- City and County often partner on homelessness efforts (among others)
- The Council recently had a meeting around affordable housing and what that means in Durham, as well as other potential solutions for housing concerns
- Mr. Davis took and answered questions from those present, including about landlord engagement, wraparound services, post-pandemic capacity, the profiles of those entering the system, and future budget items for the department

### **6:55 p – Announcements from the Community Development Department – Mr. Reginald J. Johnson**

- The Ross Road project with Reinvestment Partners is going well despite previous delays
- Received the closing for Ashton Place, the Willard Street senior housing project
- Ribbon cutting for the new JJ Henderson tower is Friday, 10/28
- The department has created a construction education training program to educate members of the community in the industry on City-owned sites
- Are proposing to partner with DPS for another year to help combat COVID-related learning loss
- Are working on Down Payment Assistance guidelines to start that program

### **7:02 p – Public Comments or Questions**

- Doris Worley, an RN at Duke, works with vulnerable patients at the HIV clinic and thanked the committee and speakers for their work

### **7:03p – Announcements**

- City Council Appreciation Event is Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Please contact Juliet Black for sign-up information. To claim a free member gift, register by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- DHA is doing a bus tour of its properties on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1PM. Please contact Juliet Black for sign-up information.

### **7:07 p – Meeting Adjourned**

- Motion requested by Chairman Langloss; meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:07 PM

### **Attachments:**

- [City Council Affordable Housing Deep Dive Presentation](#)