

City of High Point

*Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260*



Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

10:00 AM

3rd Floor Conference Room

Community Housing, Neighborhood Development &

Public Safety Committee

*Monica Peters, Don Scarborough
Christopher Williams*

**Community Housing, Neighborhood Development and Public Safety Committee - Council
Member Golden, Chair**

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Presentation by Patrick Harman on Building Resilience in High Point

Patrick Harman will give a presentation on Building Resilience in High Point

Patrick Harman, Hayden-Harman Foundation, extended greetings; explained how the Foundation worked with the community experiencing toxic stress; spoke to adverse childhood experiences and its impact on families; to supporting families; to addressing issues; referenced a documentary film called “Resilience” which focused on adverse childhood experiences; spoke to discussions with organizations and the community on how to build resilience in High Point; voiced the need for the assessment survey; and said community feedback would provide what services and resources were needed. Mr. Harman continued discussion regarding how the survey would be conducted; said the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) center for Housing and Community Studies would be assisting; provided a handout of the survey; said it would be completed at the end of October; and the results would be available in November. Mr. Harman spoke to collaborating and building relationships with organizations; and having quarterly meetings and providing training for staff.

Chairman Golden asked was the referenced documentary film “Resilience” on YouTube; and inquired if there was a referral system in place to assist families. Mr. Harman replied yes, the film “Resilience” was on YouTube; and said the Foundation did have the capacity for a referral system.

Committee Member Williams spoke to how the Food Alliance App provided information on food pantry locations; and as well as dates and times when meals would be served.

Michelle McNair, Community Resource Manager, spoke to the United Way of Greater Greensboro working with agencies located in High Point to provide resources and services through a referral process.

Jelani Biggs, Human Relations Manager, spoke to having round table discussions regarding collaborating and comparing notes with different agencies.

Committee Member Peters inquired if the community resilience model could help deter violence. Mr. Harman replied yes; voiced the need for the survey; invited everyone to take the survey; and to attend the Urban Fall Festival tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at White Oak.

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Presentation of 2018-19 CAPER

Staff will give a presentation of the 2018-19 CAPER

Michael McNair, Director of Community Development and Housing, extended greetings; made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) on the 2018-2019 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER); provided a website to view the draft report: <https://www.highpointnc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13248/2018-1019-Draft-CAPER>; spoke to the requirements of the report; and included summarized and evaluated activities for the past fiscal year funded through the following federal grants:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)
- HUD Section 108 Program
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Mr. McNair mentioned an Housing NC Award received in 2018 for the Southside neighborhood housing development; provided a detailed list of Funding Sources received last year and how they were distributed; spoke to the 1-Year Strategic Plan which included the Goal, Goal Outcome Indicator, Performance Outcome, and Performance Measurement; spoke to the VITA Program; said they had been assisting citizens the way it was designed to for 13 years; highlighted the Budget Summary 2018-2019; spoke to the budget total (\$3,966,569) versus the Actual Expended (\$2,956,106); and to ongoing projects included in the budget. Mr. McNair continued discussing regarding the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Choice (AFFH) program; provided a list of actions taken; and said the CAPER schedule had a 15-day public review and comment period from September 6-10, 2019; and was submitted to HUD on September 28, 2019.

Chairman Golden inquired on the Infill Housing Development actual budgeted amount. Mr. McNair replied nonfederal funds were allocated to complete other projects.

Committee Member Peters inquired on redefining the definition of food desert with Affordable Housing in locations in the city that did not meet the requirements. Mr. McNair replied it was a state issue; and spoke to the process and requirements with the state to be considered a grocery store.

Committee Member Williams spoke to meeting with the state regarding making changes to the definition; and to doing a program with local markets to help establish them to fit into the definition according to the state.

Chairman Golden inquired on going through the NC League of Municipalities (League); and having all municipalities come together to do a joint plea to change the guidelines through the state.

JoAnne Carlyle, City Attorney, recommended discussing key points to be presented to the

League. Committee Member Williams replied he would meet with the Food Alliance for further discussion.

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Consolidated Plan Update

Staff will give an update on the Consolidated Plan

Michael McNair, Director of Community Development and Housing, provided an update to the Consolidated Plan; said four out of the eight firms who submitted proposals were interviewed; and the Urban Design Ventures, LLC firm based out of Pennsylvania was chosen; the firm has 17 years of experience; said there would be a series of focus groups; and it would be a six to eight month process.

Chairman Golden asked if any local firms from North Carolina applied. Mr. McNair replied yes; two consultants applied; spoke to the competitiveness of the applicants; and said the lowest bidder was chosen.

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Project Updates

Staff will be giving an update on Projects

Michael McNair, Director of Community Development and Housing, made a PowerPoint presentation on Project Updates; spoke to the Avondale Trace Apartments; said the monthly rents ranged from \$255 to \$725; provided a market rate versus Avondale rent comparison; provided an update on the Multi-Family Activity with a projected completion date for the summer of 2020; spoke to the next steps that would be taken with the Cedrow Subdivision Project; said engineers were working on the designs for the street; and the projected bids would start in 2020.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

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ADJOURNMENT