

City of High Point

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



Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

4:00 PM

Community Development Committee

*Christopher Williams, Chair
Wesley Hudson
Cyril Jefferson
Tyrone Johnson
Mayor Jay Wagner (Alternate)*

Community Development Committee - Mayor Pro Tem Williams, Chair

Present 4 - Chair Christopher Williams, Council Member Tyrone Johnson, Council Member Wesley Hudson, and Council Member Cyril Jefferson

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Update-John Coltrane House Project

Staff will give an update on the John Coltrane House Project.

Attachments: [Coltrane Project Update](#)

Michael McNair, Community Development Director; extended greetings; recognized the Coltrane Oversight Committee in attendance; spoke to the committee's history; made a PowerPoint Presentation (PPP) on the John Coltrane House Project update; spoke to the committee's goals that included: to develop an action plan to be presented to the Community Development Committee, review and recommend potential uses, site opportunities/issues, and revenue for planning/long term operations (sustainability); and to the mission statement: To preserve and re-purpose the childhood home of John Coltrane by leveraging its unique historical and cultural significance, sharing its untold story, and serving as a catalyst for further enhancement of the surrounding communities. Mr. McNair continued his discussion regarding funding in the appropriations by the state; spoke to quarterly group meetings that were held on 2/12, 5/9, 8/8, and 11/14 of 2019; to the committee and volunteers clean-up day at the Coltrane House (included photos); to a contract executed in August with David Gall to conduct an architectural assessment for repairs; to the unveiling of the historic marker on August 30, 2019; to an open house tour during the Unity Festival held in September; and to the next steps which included the following:

- Receive final architectural assessment-Jan/2020
- Start application for landmark designation-Jan/2020
- Conduct public meeting to gather community input on progress and future plans for the house- Jan-Feb/2020
- Continue to evaluate options for house usage
- Make recommendations to Community Development Committee (March/April 2020)

Phyllis Bridges, High Point Preservation Society, spoke to challenges/avenues of obtaining photos to show the architectural history of what the Coltrane House looked like; and said that everything else with the project was going well.

Committee Member Jefferson spoke to the collaboration across the community with the Coltrane Project; said its timing coincided with the redevelopment of the Daniel Brooks project; said the Coltrane House was a jewel and asset to the community; recommended moving forward with the project; and to providing Coltrane House Project updates to the newly elected City Council.

Chairman Williams voiced appreciation in preserving history in the community; spoke to

presenting the Coltrane House Project update to Council at the December 16, 2019 meeting; and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. McNair said he would come back at a future date with recommendations that would go before council (to include a public comment period); and that no action by the committee was needed at this time.

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Update-On-going Community Development programs/projects

Staff will provide an update on on-going Community Development programs/projects.

Michael McNair, Community Development Director, introduced the consultant firm, Urban Design Ventures, LLC, to provide an update of the Community Development programs/projects.

Walter Hoagland, President of Urban Design Ventures, LLC; extended greetings, and introduced his colleague Brandon Wilson, Planning Consultant at Urban Design Ventures, LLC. Mr. Hoagland spoke to having meetings with stake holders, housing providers, the homeless population, and having round table discussions to learn about the needs for the city such as transportation, housing, and infrastructure issues; spoke to how funds were used in the community; discussed the requirements by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in having a Consolidate plan every five years; spoke to the data received from HUD in reference to overcrowded housing; to the Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing in what the city was doing to address housing issues; to economic levels and discrimination issues; and to communication with city staff in regards to having a general concept of where the city is and what they were looking for as far as it's needs. Mr. Hoagland said they would finish the report in the early spring ; give it to city staff to review the findings; come back to the committee; post it for public display for 30 days; said it would be on display in different locations such as libraries and online so citizens can view; have a public hearing afterwards; and present it to city council.

Mr. Wilson added that the resident's survey was available; said the survey was written in English and Spanish; available to accommodate citizens in various locations so they may have access to it; and voiced the need on obtaining a large number of responses.

Chairman Williams inquired if the locations of the surveys included parks and recreation locations. Mr. McNair replied yes, as well as other public locations such as the Housing Authority.

Committee Member Jefferson inquired on the difference between the Resident's Survey and the High Point Community Needs Survey conducted by the resilience group; and voiced concern of citizens becoming exhausted from completing assessments. Mr. McNair replied that both surveys where good sources for useful information. Randy McCaslin, Deputy City

Manager, replied to the committee that the Survey was required by federal law and HUD.

Mr. Wilson spoke to the importance of the federal budget; and said the budget needed to be approved before the report could be submitted.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m. upon motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk

Chris Williams, Chairman