

Commission Members

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Chair

Beth Walker

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Kip Peregoy

Executive Director

Zeb Hough

Ex-Officio Members

Rick Prill

Barbara Best

Hazel Royal

**City of New Bern
Redevelopment Commission Meeting
300 Pollock Street- City Hall
November 08, 2023
Minutes**

Members Present: Beth Walker, Kip Peregoy, Steve Strickland, Julius Parham, Tabari Wallace, Sarah Proctor, Jimmy Dillahunt Sr., Leander Morgan Jr.

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Hazel Royal

Members Excused (E)/Absent (A):

Sharon Bryant (E)

Staff Present:

Marvin Williams, Assistant City Manager

Zeb Hough, Executive Director

Jaimee Bullock, Assistant City Attorney

1. Call to order and Welcome.

Chair Beth Walker called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. and requested Staff to call the roll.

2. Roll Call.

The Staff established a quorum.

3. Approve the Agenda.

Chair Walker presented the agenda to the Commission as disseminated and asked for a motion to accept. Julius Parham moved to approve the agenda, and Tabari Wallace seconded the Motion. The agenda was accepted as disseminated by voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes (October)

The chair presented the minutes. Commissioner Dillahunt recommended that the amendment include his presence at the meeting. The Commission agreed. The Motion to accept the October 11th minutes with the amendments was made by Commissioner Proctor and seconded by Commissioner Peregoy. The Motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

5. Guiding Principles

The Commission read the guiding principles.

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6. Public Comments (limit of 4 minutes)

No citizens addressed the commission.

7. Housing Working Group Report

Vice Chair Peregoy presented the housing workgroup's report. He reported that for the first time this year, the working group had not met. However, several commissioners focused on assisting with the Walt Bellamy project. No other discussion was had.

8. Neighborhood Working Group Report

Commissioner Morgan shared the concern that with changing seasons, work would have to be done to maintain the redevelopment zone. Several commission members shared that the city had resources to help, such as the public works brush pick-up. Commissioner Morgan thanked the commission and said he would plan a neighborhood clean-up event soon.

9. Wellness Working Group Report

Commissioner Wallace shared his sincere thanks to the members of the commission and the community who have worked to plan the wellness initiative. He shared that while there were no updates, the group is exploring opportunities and will report when there is an update.

10. Rule of Procedure Project Group Report

Commissioner Sarah Proctor reported that the project group had convened, and she is currently working with staff to revise the Rule of Procedure to present to the commission. No further discussion was had.

11. Strategic Planning Project Group Report

Commissioner Parham reported that his group still needed to meet. He was working with Staff to set a date to meet. He reported that the project group will work to invite other redevelopment professionals to come and share what they have done and what has worked. The strategic planning retreat will work to give the commission immediate and long-term goals to work toward. No further discussion was had.

New Business.

Staff Report- Zeb Hough reported that since his November 1st start as the executive director, he had been busy getting acclimated to the new role and responsibilities. He reported that the commission would have a groundbreaking event on Friday, November 11th, at 9 a.m. The event would be a celebration of the three homes that would be provided for the community. He reported that the Eubanks project was in process, and Habitat for Humanity should have ownership by the first quarter of 2024. The financial report was given to the commission as received by staff, and a draft schedule for 2024 was given as well. No further discussion was had.

12. Closed Session

Chair Walker called for a closed session according to G.S 143.318.11 (a) (5). Commissioner Parham made the motion to go into closed session, which was seconded by Commissioner Wallace and passed unanimously by voice vote.

13. Adjourn.

A motion was made to adjourn by Vice Chairman Peregoy and seconded by Commissioner Parham. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M

Date approved: 12/13/2023


Beth Walker, Chair

Attest: 
Zeb Hough, Executive Director