

**City of New Bern**  
**Redevelopment Commission Meeting**  
**June 12, 2019- 6:00 P.M.**  
**Development Services Conference Room**  
**303 First Street**

**Members Present:** Maria Cho, Chair Tharesa Lee, Co-Chair Jaimee Bullock-Mosley, Steve Strickland, Kip Peregoy, Leander “Robbie” Morgan, Tabari Wallace

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Alderman Sabrina Bengel

**Members Excused (E)/Absent (A):** Beth Walker, John Young (all excused)

**Staff Present:** Jeff Ruggieri, Director of Development Services; Bradleigh Sceviour, Land and Community Administrator; Nadia Abdulhadi, Planner II; D’Aja Fulmore, Community Development Coordinator

**1. Welcome and Call To Order**

Chair Tharesa Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and delivered a roll call.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of May 22, 2019 Redevelopment Commission meeting were presented for review and approval. Seeing no corrections, **Commissioner Kip Peregoy moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Steve Strickland.**

**3. Public Comment**

Chair Tharesa Lee opened the floor for public comments. No comments were received.

**4. Guest Speaker: Scott Harrelson, Director- Craven County Health Department**

Scott Harrelson, director of Craven County Health Department, delivered a presentation on Health and Wellness from the Five Points Plan, with specifics regarding services offered to the community.

Mr. Harrelson stated that the health department is “pretty old”, established in 1921 and is the first health department to be fairly qualified. He told commissioners that the health department has a maternity clinic, with a WIC program and Birth Control that is currently driving down teen pregnancy and abortion.

Mr. Harrelson said the Craven County Health Department received their first year of funding from being Fairly Qualified in 2015. He stated that the Health Department and Merci Clinic have the largest caseloads. Mr. Harrelson emphasized that the Craven County Health Department provides primary care, and they currently receive \$650,000 per year to provide primary care. He further stated that expansion has been made to Havelock, where they also provide services to Craven County, along with renovations having been made to the New Bern location for more clinical space. Mr. Harrelson announced that they currently receive 1.3 million dollars to provide primary care services, along with collaboration with the local hospital to provide “special care” for those who need it.

Mr. Harrelson stated that many patients who visit the health department have not seen a doctor in 5-6 years. He stated that the health department can assist those in needs with getting free medicine delivered to their homes. He also stated that whereas the average ER cost is approximately \$1200, the Health Department is able to see clients for \$50 clinical visits- including labs.

Mr. Harrelson stated that the Health Department received a grant in the amount of \$285,000, \$100,000 recurring, behavioral and mental health needs and for social workers to provide therapy. He also stated the option of tele-psychiatry for clients.

Alderman Bengel asked a question about funding requirements to provide these services at the Health Department. Mr. Harrelson stated that funding requirements are assessed by looking at the number of patients.

Commissioner Cho asked if the health department provides any preventative education. Mr. Harrelson stated that there is much outreach and education provided, listing HIV Testing, General Health Education, Healthy Cooking Education, Diabetes and Hypertension Education, and demonstrations for community cooking all as preventative education services.

Commissioner Peregoy asked about the stability of funding for the future. Mr. Harrelson stated that the grants the Health Department is currently receiving have been around for a long time and have bi-partisan support, with the expectation of remaining stable.

Commissioner Morgan posed a question about more community outreach being made to the local Five Points area to make more people aware of the services. Mr. Harrelson responded to this question by stating that it would serve as a potential option.

Commissioner Wallace suggested that Mr. Harrelson’s presentation be provided to the local schools and stated that he had a contact for the lead school nurse. Mr. Harrelson agreed with Commissioner Wallace and stated that he would be willing to give a presentation for the schools.

Mr. Harrelson began closing his presentation but stated it was important to make the commissioners aware of the community health assessment the Health Department does in collaboration with the hospital. He told commissioners that the assessment is done to gauge community needs and find out the leading cause of death, which is cancer and heart disease. He also stated that the assessment is done by surveys and focus groups.

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73 **5. Presentation: Jennell Reddick- Proposed School (Sam McCotter House)**

74 Co-chair Jaimee Bullock introduced Jennell Reddick to the Board and provided a background on  
75 Ms. Reddick.

76 Ms. Reddick introduced herself as a former math teacher, who has a master's degree in  
77 leadership and stated that she is looking to launch Open Doors Academy at 908 Bloomfield  
78 Street. She then introduced supporters of her school that also attended the meeting with her.

79 Ms. Reddick began her presentation by providing handouts to the commissioners. She stated that  
80 the mission of her school is to target students who do not fit into a regular classroom,  
81 emphasizing that these students can be dropouts. She also stated that the minimum age of 15 will  
82 be required for enrollment.

83 Ms. Reddick detailed that she is in collaboration with Craven Community College for this  
84 venture. She also stated that there are many grant opportunities that she will pursue after getting  
85 a location for the school. She emphasized the need for parental involvement and stated that  
86 parents of students will be required to assist with fundraising for the school.

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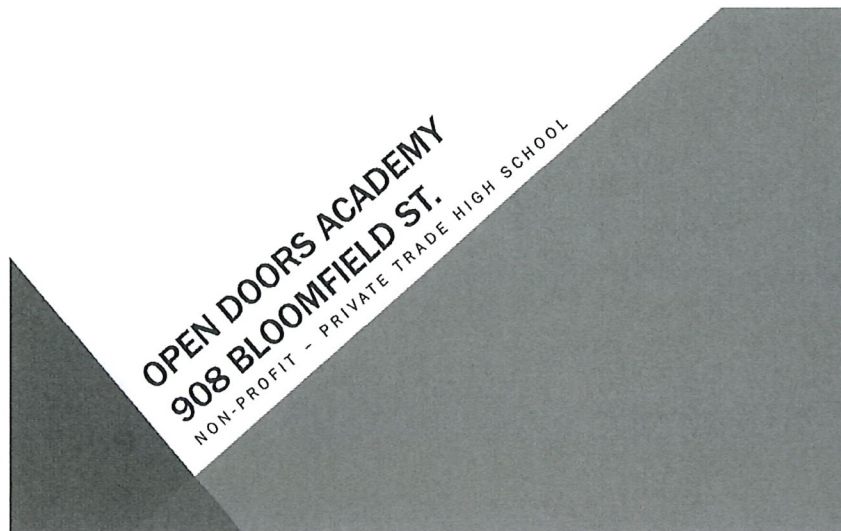
**908 BLOOMFIELD ST.**



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### WHOM WILL WE SERVE

- Minimum age 15 : the earliest a student can enroll at Craven Community College (with parent permission)
- Maximum age 21 : State limit
- We will serve students that do not fit into a regular classroom setting and students that desire smaller classroom setting with a personalized education.
- Potential Dropouts

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### BENEFITS OF A TRADE SCHOOL

Dropout Prevention (high school and college)  
Higher Employment Rate  
Better Transition to College  
Relevant Skills in Less Time  
High College Graduation Rate  
Smaller Class Size  
Student Engagement (Hands on Trair  
Student/Teacher Relationship



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## CERTIFICATION/TRADE CHOICES

Agriculture

Business, Finance and Information Technology

Career Development

Family and Consumer Sciences

Health Sciences Education

Marketing and Entrepreneurship

Trade and Industrial Education

## GRANTS!

Walmart.org - \$250 to \$5000

Mentoring Opportunities for Youth Grant

TeacherFunder.com

The National School Lunch Program (reimbursement)

International Paper Company

American Honda Foundation (must have 2years of financial records)



## MONEY

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant (OJJDP) –  
addressing the needs of Incarcerated Parents and their children –  
Awards \$172 Million

The Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) - \$3 million

The Duke Endowment (Child Care, Health Care, Higher Education, Rural  
churches)

Opportunity Scholarship (\$4200 if eligible)



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## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

### ANNUAL FUND

The Annual Fund is a yearly fundraising campaign organized and operated by the parents. It is an integral part of the school's operating budget. This fund will contribute to the school's annual revenue. Support of the Annual Fund enables advancement and expansion of curricular offerings for all students and allows for attraction and retention of top quality instructional staff.

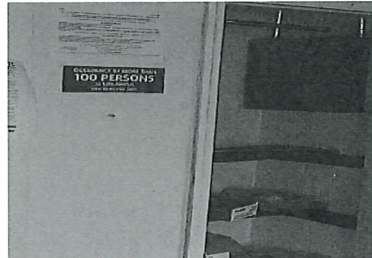
PARENTAL PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED Participation not only shows support of the school; it demonstrates confidence in the school's mission and education. Parental support enables us to keep tuition costs affordable while maintaining quality. Non participation will jeopardize your child's future enrollment at GDPA.

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## Meet Fire, Safety And Sanitation Standards

Established By State And Local Authorities

(CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY MUST BE ISSUED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTOR)



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### ANNUAL INSPECTIONS BY THE FIRE MARSHAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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### REQUIREMENTS GRADE K-12

❖ Meet applicable asbestos regulations.

Health Hazards Control Unit

(919) 707-5950

<http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/asbestos/ahmp.html>

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104       **6. Board Discussion on 6/26 Public Meeting**

105       Chairman Tharesa Lee stated that the next redevelopment commission meeting will be held at  
106       the Omega Center located at 800 Cedar Street. She stated that Michelle Ely, Community and  
107       Economic Development Specialist of N.C. A&T State University, would be visiting the center to  
108       facilitate a community listening session.

109       Chairman Tharesa Lee told commissioners that tables will be set up and asked the  
110       commissioners to sit at different tables with the citizens. She stated that this will be a time for  
111       commissioners to listen to what citizens are saying their community needs are. She also stated  
112       that the Duffyfield and Choice Neighborhoods Initiative area needs public input, but nobody will  
113       be excluded. She stated the need for commissioners to market the listening session and to let the  
114       public know that everyone is welcome to attend.

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116       **7. New Business**

117       Commissioner Cho provided an update about the NC Coastal Resilience Summit where she  
118       stated she learned a lot about climate change and resiliency initiatives throughout the State. The  
119       summit placed emphasis on social justice for vulnerable communities.

120       Alderman Bengel stated that she wants to make sure commissioners are engaged in the  
121       conversation about Stanley White Recreation Center and the discussion around applying for the  
122       420 Mitigation Grant, with an expected 7.4 million dollar cost expected to fix the center to meet  
123       elevation requirements.

124       Co-Chair Jaimee Bullock reminded commissioners of the Juneteenth events taking place next  
125       week and encouraged attendance to some of those events.

126       Commissioner Morgan reported on a successful outcome for Dodge City Day event. He gave  
127       thanks to the commissioners and Jeff Ruggieri for all of the support.

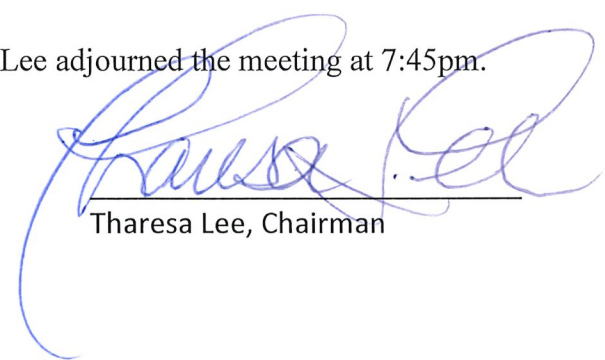
128       Director Jeff Ruggieri provided an update on the potential flood study. He stated he spoke with  
129       an engineer and the study is expected to start in the next month.

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131       **8. Adjournment**

132       There being no future business to discuss, Chairman Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

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134       Date approved: 7-10-19

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136       Attest:   
137       Amanda Ohlensehlen, Recording Secretary  
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Tharesa Lee, Chairman