

**City of New Bern**  
**Redevelopment Commission Meeting**  
**October 12, 2022**

**303 First Street- Development Services**

**Members Present:** Chair Tharesa Lee, Stephanie Lovick, Steve Strickland, Julian Tripp, Beth Walker

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Alderwoman Hazel Royal, Alderman Rick Prill

**Members Excused (E)/Absent (A):** Co-Chair Kip Peregoy (E), Leander Morgan (E), Julius Parham(E), Tabari Wallace (E)

**Staff Present:** Matthew Schelly, Interim Director of Development Services; Catrecia Bowman, Executive Director of Redevelopment Commission; D'Aja Fulmore, Community Development Coordinator

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chair Lee called this meeting to order at 6:05 PM and began with a reading of the Commission's guiding principles.

**2. Public Comment**

Pastor Holmes from First Missionary Baptist Church announced that a community fundraiser for Mr. Alfred Barfield, former director of the Omega Center, will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, and volunteers are wanted.

Local citizen, Reggie Jones, extended thanks to the Health and Wellness Working Group and their work on the health center for the Duffyfield community.

Local citizen, Bo Dorsey, stated that he knows the Commission has been discussing the trash issue in the Duffyfield community and suggested that the City adopt an ordinance for recycling bins to be collected more than once a month.

Local citizen, Johnathan Brown, stated that the graveyard of his grandmother and grandfather in Duffyfield is not well kept. Mr. Brown stated that he would be willing to assist with cleanup of the gravesite and would later share the exact location of the gravesite.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the Commission meeting held on September 14, 2022, were presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Julian Tripp and seconded by Commissioner Beth Walker.

#### **4. Presentation by Jacki London regarding interest in purchasing 1307 Main Street**

Jacki London introduced herself to the Commission and stated that she would like to purchase 1307 Main Street as an extension to her current property. Ms. London also stated she would be willing to adhere to any regulations regarding property cleanliness and the property will not be used for junk cars.

The Commission thanked Ms. London for her presentation.

No motion was made at this meeting to initiate the upset bid process.

#### **5. Report from the Executive Director**

Catrechia Bowman, executive director of the Redevelopment Commission stood to give a report to the Commission. Mrs. Bowman stated that Elite Structural Movers should have their equipment moved from 911 Eubanks Street by the upcoming Monday.

Mrs. Bowman also stated that she recently toured the Redevelopment area and would like to organize a tour with the Commission.

Mrs. Bowman told the Commission that she is currently organizing a priority list that includes the Commission's goals. Mrs. Bowman stated that the rescheduled strategic plan meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30, from 2:30-5:30pm.

Mrs. Bowman also told the Commission that there is a tiny home being built in the area and she would get the Commission details on where it is being built so they can go view it.

#### **6. Working Group Reports**

*Housing Working Group:* Commissioner Beth Walker stated that the Commission's 4<sup>TH</sup> bid opening was held on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Commissioner Walker stated that one bid was received, and it came in over budget. Commissioner Walker stated that the bid amount was all-inclusive for \$207,500. Commissioner Walker stated that the CDBG budget is approximately \$185k and the current options include the need to look for money in the budget or consider going back to contractor and ask if he is willing to negotiate the contract price.

*Neighborhood Working Group:* Commissioner Leander Morgan will update the Commission when he returns.

*Health and Wellness Working Group:* Chair Lee stated that Commissioner Tabari Wallace has been working hard and there are memorandums of agreements in progress with partners. Commissioner Walker stated that a local engineering firm has site plans for the wellness center that will be developed at no charge to the Commission.

## 7. Closed Session

Pursuant to NC Statute §143-318.11(a)(5), Commission Strickland made a motion to enter closed session to discuss a real estate transaction. This motion was seconded by Commission Tripp and unanimously carried (6-0).

## 9. Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

11-19-2022

  
Theresa Lee, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

D'Aja Fulmore, Recording Secretary