



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbia Community Development Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the Busby Street Community Center, 1735 Busby Street, Columbia, SC 29203. The Honorable Tina N. Herbert, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Tina N. Herbert	Chair	Present
Will Brennan	Member	Present
Tyler D. Bailey	Member	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 16, 2024 Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes - *Deferred*
2. February 13, 2024 Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes - *Deferred*

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

3. Consolidated Plan Timeline - Ms. Felicia Kilgore, Director of Community Development – *Received as information*

Ms. Felicia Kilgore, Director of Community Development provided an overview of the annual allocations, including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds. She shared insights into past projects, including the development of affordable housing units in the Edisto Community. She said we are at the beginning of our Five Year Consolidated Plan. We have been working with Procurement to put out a RFP to engage a consultant to assist us with gathering data. We hope to have that finalized within the next few weeks. From July until February of next year, we would like you all to engage with your districts and get those residents to attend the public comment sessions. We also want to engage with our partners and stakeholders. Hopefully, we can utilize those partnerships to make a larger impact.

There was discussion surrounding goals, target areas, metrics, leveraging funds

There was consensus to schedule a meeting in July to review progress and recommendations related to the five-year consolidated plan; to develop a strategy for city-owned properties; and to discuss the five-year real estate strategy.



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4. Mobile Market Update – Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Director of Office of Business Opportunities and Mr. Larry Schnrrberger, Tom’s Creek Farms – *Received as information*

Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Director of Office of Business Opportunities provided an update on the mobile market's current status and sales at various locations. In Hyatt Park we see about \$240 in daily sales, in Greenview it's about \$200, and at Edgewood Library it's about \$240. Ideally, Larry was looking for \$500/day at those sites. There's still work to do there. We have been increasing our marketing efforts to highlight the Mobile Market and we are looking for opportunities for expansion.

Mr. Larry Schnrrberger, Tom’s Creek Farms said Hyatt Park has gone down over the last three weeks. The exposure isn't there for that location; it's on a side street. When we originally looked at it, we thought more about the walkability of the location than exposure. So we're thinking about hitting some of the main roads instead. In the beginning, we were looking at new locations for the first three months just to test the market.

Ms. Ayesha Driggers, Director of Office of Business Opportunities said the Food Truck Friday was very successful. Councilwoman Herbert was able to be there and we did an Instagram Live. The sales were over \$600 for that day. We also shared the postcards of the Hyatt Park, Greenview, and Edgewood library schedules to let the community know where they will be throughout the week.

Ms. Ashley Page Bookhart, Columbia Food Policy Committee said DHEC SNAP-ED offers nutrition education for free. All of them are licensed dieticians. They do classes; grocery store tours; and activities for seniors and kids.

There was discussion about SNAP participation, potential sites at transit centers and collaboration with the Columbia Housing Authority to address transportation challenges; emphasizing the importance of community engagement; exploring educational components; and leveraging partnerships for success.

There was consensus of the committee to have further discussions in July to review progress and refine strategies for the mobile market. Staff was asked to explore options for advertisement and exposure of the Mobile Market.

5. Town and Gown Update – Ms. Missy Gentry, Assistant City Manager for Development, Ms. Payton Lang, Policy and Programs Advisor for the Office of the Mayor and Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services – *Received as information*

Ms. Missy Gentry, Assistant City Manager for Development announced the upcoming strategic planning meeting at Segra Park on Thursday, May 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All of the colleges and universities are going to be represented. There will be quarterly meetings.



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6. North Main Corridor Discussion - Mr. Ryan Coleman, Director of Economic Development – *Received as information*

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Director of Economic Development highlighted the numerous development opportunities along the North Main corridor, including underutilized properties and vacant lots. The need to engage with property owners to explore development possibilities and enhance economic viability was emphasized.

There was discussion surrounding strategies to engage property owners; conduct surveys; share tools for developing vacant and derelict properties; explore ways to promote available properties, including those listed as “for sale by owner” to potential investors or developers; and space programming.

There was consensus of the committee to reschedule the next seminar, with a focus on providing sufficient notice to attendees.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk