

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2009**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:35 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Smokey Davis, Chairman	William C. Billy Derrick
William B. Banning, Sr.	M. Todd Cullum
Debra B. Debbie Summers	

Absent:

*John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman

*Mr. Carrigg was not present due to his court schedule.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) (Goals 2&3) -

Community Development - Rhonda Dean, Community Development Administrator - Ms. Dean presented information on the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funding and included an informational handout. The County has received \$588,970 for the program through the economic stimulus bill (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009). Ms. Dean said the purpose of the program was to provide homelessness prevention assistance to households who would otherwise become homeless. The information sheet listed the eligibility criteria, eligible activities, ineligible costs, and income limits for the program. Ms. Dean said that 60% of funds had to be spent within two years and 100% within three years. She reported that a substantial amendment for the 2008 Action Plan to HUD must be made and a public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 15 due to the program amendment. Staff will return with the amended 2008 Action Plan to HUD for Council's approval.

The Committee asked if funds can be allocated to the homeless outside of Lexington County. Ms. Dean responded that these funds cannot and that Richland County, as well as the City of Columbia, receive their own allocation of funding to address the same homeless population. The Committee asked if the homeless are residents of Lexington County, can the money be used for a home provided outside of the County. Ms. Dean replied that her understanding was any of the service providers chosen would be located within the County and homeless individuals who seek

services through those organizations would be provided service. Staff requested to do further research on these concerns. For information only, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 24, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the February 24, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Land Use Growth, Private Roads/Commercial Usage - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk