

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 25, 2009**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 12:10 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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

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.

**2010-14 Five Year Consolidated Plan (CDBG Program and HOME Program) (Goals 1,2,3) - Community Development - Ronald Scott, Director** - Mr. Scott presented a general update on the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the CDBG and HOME Programs and included a Power-Point presentation overview. Mr. Scott reported that Training and Development Associates (TDA) will be assisting Community Development in preparing the plan and updating the County's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI), which is due to HUD by May 15, 2010. The Plan is developed every five years to address Lexington County's low and moderate income areas and households. It is estimated that the County will receive \$10 million in CDBG and HOME funds over the next five years, contingent on federal appropriations. Mr. Scott provided highlights of projects throughout the County that have benefited from the CDBG Program. Staff provided excerpts from the 2005-2009 Plan which will expire June 30, 2010. The Committee discussed Lexington County residents, who apply for the programs, should have priority over non-residents. Mr. Scott replied that it was up to Council to determine how to prioritize where the funds will be utilized and the consolidated plan is a strategic plan for five years that notifies HUD what the County will do with the funds. Mr. Wayne Freeman, TDA's President and CEO, reviewed the process of updating the Consolidated Plan and the AI. Staff will follow up with HUD to seek their guidance on a method or procedure that would be federally compliant to accomplish the Committee's request for priority of Lexington County residents applying for the HOME Program. For information only, no action taken.

**Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) (Goals 1,2,3) - Community Development - Rhonda Dean, Community Development Administrator** - Ms. Dean provided an update on the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) to be presented for Council approval under Bids/Purchases/RFPs during the

afternoon session and included a Power-Point presentation overview. Ms. Dean reported that the County has been allocated \$588,970 for the Program and two organizations have been selected to carry out the HPRP eligible activities. Lexington Interfaith Community Services (LICS) will provide financial assistance through rental assistance, utility payments, moving costs or hotel vouchers and housing relocation and stabilization services through case management, outreach, and housing placement. SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center will provide outreach and education services to HPRP participants. Staff recommends awarding \$525,000 to LICS and \$20,000 to SC Appleseed Legal Justice for a three-year grant period ending no later than September 30, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendation to grant awards to Lexington Interfaith Community Services (LICS) and the SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Zoning Text Amendment T08-11 (Goal 2) - Planning and GIS - Charlie Compton, Director** - Mr. Compton presented a Power-Point presentation outlining the recommended changes to the Zoning Ordinance as related to Article 2 - Application of Regulations - Chapter 5 - Signs, and other related sections of the Zoning Ordinance as applicable. The Planning Commission has reviewed the changes submitted. The zoning text amendment application request is to fully implement the concept of scenic corridors and to better coordinate the transition of properties into municipalities through annexation. Mr. Compton highlighted the proposed changes with examples of existing signs in the area. The Committee noted there needed to be language added to address "intensity" of brightness of the digital signs. For information only, no action taken.

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of July 28, 2009** - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the July 28, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Old Business/New Business - Land Use Growth, HOME Program** - 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