

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 8th DAY OF JUNE, 2023

The Caddo Parish Long Range Planning Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 2:06 p.m., in the Government Plaza First Floor Conference Room, with Mr. Chavez, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Hopkins Jackson, Johnson, and Young (6). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1).

The invocation was given by Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Young led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

- Receive Housing Presentation

Mrs. Bryant discussed the Parish's housing forum and introduced Mr. Sheldon Bartell with the National Development Council. Mr. Bartell provided a presentation which addressed the aging population of the Parish, the implications of the aging population, the area income, and the housing cost burden in the Parish. Mr. Bartell addressed aging structures and systems that were starting to fail. Mr. Bartell discussed how housing trust funds are funded, what the housing trust fund could do, and the outcome of the Parish's housing forum.

Mrs. Bryant indicated that the Administration would begin developing Parish policies, goals and objectives from the outcomes of the Parish's housing forum in 60 days. Then, the Administration would present it for the Commission's input. Mr. Jackson suggested having a 15 year dedicated revenue source to the Housing Trust Fund. Mrs. Bryant advised that should the upcoming millage on the ballot be approved then a portion of those funds could be dedicated to the Housing Trust Fund. Mrs. Bryant explained that an amendment may need to be made on the day of the budget adoption due to the time frame of the election and the 2024 budget process. Mr. Young discussed inhabiting his district area, which has experienced abandoned existing housing stock being torn down. Mr. Chavez suggested the Parish prioritize what is not covered by the City of Shreveport's federally funded housing initiatives. Mr. Jackson discussed the decrease in community development, the CDBG Block Grant funding, the City of Shreveport's home ownership programs, and how affordable housing creates residual income that could be reinvested in the local economy. The Clerk advised the Committee on a study completed by the City of Shreveport relating to the scope of work in the Highlands while he worked on the City Council.

Mr. Bartell advised that the older age group population in Caddo Parish has been growing while all other age groups were shrinking, and that affordable housing would keep young people around. Mr. Bartell indicated that there was a plethora of variables that would cause working age people to move. Mrs. Bryant advised that the Administration would make a presentation to the Committee in 60 days. Mr. Chavez requested a copy of the presentation from Mr. Bartell.

- Discuss and Make Recommendation Regarding Resolution No 20 Of 2023

It was **moved by Mr. Young**, seconded by Mr. Chavez, *to postpone Resolution No. 20 of 2023. Motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Chavez, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson and Young (6). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Gage-Watts (1). ABSTAIN: None (0).

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

/s/ Linda J. Montgomery
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