

MINUTES

The meeting was held in person, with the public invited to attend in person or virtually. The public was able to view the meeting via engage.buncombecounty.org.

Committee Members Present

Commissioner Amanda Edwards, Commissioner Parker Sloan

County Staff Present: Rafael Baptista, Matthew Cable, Matthew Card, Chloe Donohoe, Jake Ekberg, Curt Euler, William High, John Hudson, Jonathon Jones, Sybil Tate.

Public Comment below for details on how to submit comment before or during the meeting).***

Call to Order & Welcome

Commissioner Edwards called the meeting to order at 1:03.

Public Comment

- Steve Sceranka from Buckeye Community Development provided information about the Redwood Commons project.
- Kate Pett of THRIVE voicing appreciation for County support of the Buncombe County Rental Collaborative.
- Dee Williams provided comments on the results of the Cease the Harm Audit and representation of BIPOC non-profits in the affordable housing space.

Meeting Minutes

- Commissioner Sloan motioned to approve the minutes from March 7th, 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations

- Short Term Rental Incentives Program – Rafael Baptista
 - Commissioner Sloan made a motion to bring option two to the full Board of Commissioners for consideration.
- FY25 AHSP Returning Construction Applications – Jonathon Jones, Jake Ekberg, Matt Card, Chloe Donohoe
 - No action taken.
 - Glenn Bridge – No questions, no action taken.
 - Laurel Wood – No questions, no action taken.
 - Meribel – Commissioner Edwards requested clarification of the status of the project’s potential non-profit partnership. Staff confirmed that the applicant is exploring the option to add a non-profit partner to the project and indicated the process may push back closing. No action taken.
 - Redwood Commons: Commissioner Sloan requested clarification on the site’s propensity for flooding or erosion. Staff clarified that the applicant would be developing a plan to mitigate any issues. No action taken.
 - Star Point: No questions, no action.

Reports

Old Business

Next Steps

Adjourn

- The Committee adjourned at 1:45

Documents

- Draft Minutes (March 7, 2023)
- Presentation