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FORMAL SESSION

Due to the State of North Carolina's Declaration of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and per NCGS § 166A-19.24, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners conducted a remote meeting using the WebEx application.

CALL TO ORDER - 6 PM - REMOTE MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met remotely in Formal Session on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with Chair Dunlap presiding.

Present: Chair George Dunlap
 Commissioner Patricia "Pat" Cotham
 Commissioner Trevor M. Fuller
 Commissioner Susan Harden
 Commissioner Mark Jerrell
 Commissioner Vilma D. Leake
 Commissioner Elaine Powell
 Commissioner Susan Rodriguez-McDowell
 Commissioner Ella B. Scarborough

Chair Dunlap called the meeting to order, followed by introductions, the invocation led by Commissioner Powell and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board of Commissioners began their meeting with an 8 minute and 46 second moment of silence in commemoration of George Floyd.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The following agenda items were identified by Commissioners to be removed from the Consent agenda for clarity, comment, public awareness, and/or to be voted upon separately:

- 20-6196: by Commissioner Leake
- 20-6201: by Commissioner Leake
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AWARDS/RECOGNITION

20-6227: Proclamation Declaring Racism as a Public Health Crisis

Commissioner Jerrell thanked the Chair for his leadership and Board and staff for the continued commitment as it related to having addressed disparities and the focus to change health

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outcomes for communities of color. He said that as elected officials, nothing was more important than the health and wellbeing of the residents, and they knew that racism was a driving force of the social determinants of health and barrier to health equity. He said they sat in the acknowledgement that racism went beyond the action of an individual and that it was more about the systems that existed and create those disproportional outcomes for people of color. He said the shift in focus and acknowledgement of the facts with the proclamation was critical as they moved forward and that he was honored to read the proclamation.

Commissioner Jerrell read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners has identified Reducing Racial Disparity as a critical priority and essential to an effective systemic response to delivering health and human services in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, racism unfairly disadvantages Black and Brown individuals and communities, while unfairly giving advantages to other individuals and communities, and Mecklenburg County's collective prosperity depends upon the equitable access to opportunity for every resident; and

WHEREAS, racism has produced and perpetuates poverty through intentional and unintentional policies that create barriers to economic mobility; and is a social system with multiple dimensions: individual racism that is internalized or interpersonal and systemic racism that is institutional or structural, and

WHEREAS, criminal justice practices have caused deep disparities, harm, and mistrust; African American residents of Mecklenburg County are eight times more likely to die of homicide; and 73% of homicide victims were African American in Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, a growing body of literature shows that social determinants — otherwise known as the conditions in which an individual is born and in which he or she lives, works, or recreates — are key drivers of health inequities. For generations, communities of color have faced vast disparities in job opportunities, income, and inherited family wealth. They are less likely to have housing security, access to quality schools, healthy food, and green spaces. This involves systemic racism all of which can undermine mental and physical well-being; and

WHEREAS, in addition it is well-documented that racism itself has an adverse impact on health. Chronic stress caused by discrimination can trigger a cascade of adverse health outcomes, from high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, immunodeficiency, and accelerated aging, all of which are high in the African American community. There is also evidence suggesting that the racism endured by black mothers contributes to the high maternal and infant mortality rate; and

WHEREAS, in Mecklenburg County, the COVID-19 pandemic has made visible and intensified racial health disparities with Black and Brown communities comprising 57% of all COVID-19 cases and 41.2% of coronavirus deaths; and

WHEREAS, Blacks are twice as likely to not have health insurance, 3 times more likely to experience chronic diseases and 70% of new HIV infections; and

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WHEREAS, in 2006, the Board of County Commissioners received a report and recommendations on a call to action to eliminate health disparities in Mecklenburg County, yet the rates of disparity have widened.

NOW THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners believes that racism can form the basis for a public health crisis affecting our entire County and should be treated with the urgency and funding of a public health crisis. Looking at racism in this way offers legislators, health officials, and others an opportunity to analyze data and discuss how to dismantle or change problematic institutions. Mecklenburg County will seek to promote racial equity through policies approved by the Board of Commissioners and will encourage other local, state and national entities to recognize racism as a public health crisis as well.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jarrell, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, and carried unanimously, to adopt a Proclamation Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis.

Commissioner Powell said she would have included environmental protection and access to parks.

Commissioner Leake thanked the Chair for providing recognition of the 8 minutes and 46 seconds and for it to be followed asking the Board to do something that it had not done yet and hopefully would do was to protect the people of Mecklenburg County through the means by which they service the people of Mecklenburg County. She thanked Commissioner Jarrell for affording the community to hear from a commissioner who happened to be a black male who was an endangered species in the Country in present day. She said she prayed that through the efforts of the Board and through the efforts of all in America and abroad who addressed and brought a change to all of the issues that confronted them. She stated she was happy to serve and declare those issues and problems they had, which was racism, which had been talked about year after year.

Commissioner Harden said this was probably one of the most important proclamations that they had ever done and that one of the most important and effective things they could do to improve the health and human services of the community was to mitigate racism.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said she was very proud to support the proclamation and said in the research of the proclamation, she learned Mecklenburg County had already created a task force in 2006 and a report called Eliminating Health Disparities, a Call to Action, yet they knew the disparities had only livened in the last 14 years. She said as they made the proclamation, she really wanted them to figure out how they could make the proclamation have real meaning and action plan. She said there were probably great steps that came out of the last call for action but asked what they would do differently now to make it a change moment for the community. She said they put meaningful dollars in the FY21 budget but that they really needed to remain focused on changing the systems. She said she was so proud to be part of the Board and to look forward to the work they could do together.

Commissioner Cotham thanked the Chair for the 8 minutes and 46 seconds for the Board to reflect on the horror and atrocity in Minneapolis and loss of life of Mr. George Floyd and thanked Commissioner Jarrell for reading the proclamation. She believed the important thing for the

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community was not the proclamation but policies the Board would create moving forward. She thought they needed to focus on the policies.

Commissioner Fuller thanked Chair Dunlap for the 8 minutes and 46 second pause making it real for the Board but became fatally real for George Floyd, who lost his life in those 8 minutes and 46 second, at the hands of the law, the government even. He said to follow that with this proclamation would be so appropriate and not possible to overstate the importance of what the proclamation meant. He said it was really a declaration of Mecklenburg County, that Mecklenburg County regards racism as so serious that they were declaring it a public health crisis because everyone knew racism went so deep to the core of the Nation's very existence and that racism was the original sin of America. He said when you thought about the pernicious affects of that, the violence that had come with it, the deprivation that persisted, the legacy of slavery and Jim Crowe, all of the things still there in present time. He said they see the events like what happened to George Floyd as a reminder that it had not left them so what they were doing was in their sphere of influence and while they may not have direct control over the criminal justice process, they were responsible for conditions having been addressed which lead to African Americans or others in color who come in contact with the criminal justice system. He said they could not forget that the determinants were what led people like George Floyd to even be in contact with the police officer.

Commissioner Fuller said to not forget that the proclamation was for everyone, not just African Americans or people who were discriminated against but for everyone, because everyone benefited when racism was removed from the expenditure of funds, from attention, from focus. He said by making the proclamation, they now authorized resources to be marshalled to address the question; it was the threshold for them to be able to spend money to remove the public health crisis. He said he did not want anyone to think it was just words on a page. He said it was something really important that they were doing and that for that reason he would make a motion to sent a copy of the proclamation to every single county in North Carolina and every legislator in the general assembly and to the North Carolina General Assembly, and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners so that everyone in North Carolina would know what Mecklenburg County did and that they could lead the charge for other counties in the State to adopt a similar proclamation and that the County and State could be a model for the rest of the Country.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and carried unanimously, to send a copy of the Proclamation to every county in North Carolina, every legislator in the North Carolina General Assembly, and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

A copy of the proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

20-6224: Order of the Hornet Induction of Chancellor Philip L. Dubois

A motion was made by Chair Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Harden, and carried unanimously, to induct Chancellor Philip L. Dubois into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet.

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The Board provided comments and best wishes to Chancellor Philip L. Dubois.

Note: The Order of the Hornet was established in 1972. It is bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners on persons who have displayed valor or high order of service uniquely and specifically to the citizens of Mecklenburg County. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Board. The Order of the Hornet was founded in the spirit of the early Mecklenburg patriots who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775 and proclaimed the County's freedom from Britain more than a year before the U.S. Declaration of Independence was signed. Those early patriots valiantly fought for their independence during the Revolution and gave Lord Cornwallis such difficulties during his occupation of Charlotte that he termed the town a "hornet's nest" of rebellion. Because Chancellor Philip Dubois reflects the honor, strength, and fierce American patriotism that so stung Lord Cornwallis, he was recommended for membership in the Order of the Hornet.

Dr. Dubois' career in higher education spans more than 40 years. As a first-generation college student, he earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Davis, and a master's and doctoral degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. On March 18, 2005, Dubois was named UNC Charlotte's fourth chancellor. After a 15-year tenure, Dr. Philip L. Dubois retired on June 30, 2020. As Chancellor, Dubois helped the University build a strong partnership with the greater Charlotte area to ensure the vitality of our growing region and his dedicated leadership placed UNC Charlotte on a remarkable growth trajectory, with enrollment reaching nearly 30,000, as a leading urban research institution focused on the economic, educational, environmental, health and social needs of our region.

A copy of the Order of the Hornet is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

20-6211: Proclamation - Glenn Chamberlain Blaisdell Day

Commissioner Leake read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, Glenn Chamberlain Blaisdell was born March 31, 1927 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late Clifford and Marguerette Blaisdell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blaisdell enlisted in the U. S. Navy at the age of 17 and selflessly served his County in the Philippines during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blaisdell attended night school at the University of Georgia, while working full-time, and received degrees in accounting and law; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 Mr. Blaisdell moved to Charlotte, North Carolina to work for Mecklenburg County, where he served in several roles including County Accountant, Director of Finance, and from 1970-1980 as County Manager; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blaisdell took great pride in his work for Mecklenburg County and was a great asset to the County; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Blaisdell, age 93, who was curious about the world around him and never stopped learning, passed away on May 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blaisdell was predeceased by his wife, Virginia Nice Blaisdell, and his beloved cat, Pumpkin and is survived by his son, Mark Blaisdell-Buck, his daughter-in-law, Glenda Blaisdell-Buck; his grandson, Morgan Blaisdell and Morgan's wife, Morgan Sharp, and their two children, Avery Sharp Blaisdell and Quinn Sharp Blaisdell; his granddaughter, Caitlin Blaisdell; and his daughter, Catherine Blaisdell Ardrey; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blaisdell loved his family, especially his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who all loved and admired him very much.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners honors the life and legacy of Glenn Chamberlain Blaisdell and hereby proclaims Wednesday, June 17, 2020 as GLENN CHAMBERLAIN BLAISDELL DAY in Mecklenburg County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, and carried unanimously, to adopt a proclamation proclaiming June 17, 2020 as Glenn Chamberlain Blaisdell Day in Mecklenburg County.

A copy of the proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

20-6219: Proclamation - Racial Inequality Awareness Week

Commissioner Leake read the proclamation.

WHEREAS, George Perry Floyd, Jr. was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina on October 14, 1974 and raised in Houston Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd was educated through the Houston school system and graduated from Jack Yates High School where he played on both the basketball and football team and was a star tight end football player; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd attended South Florida Community College and played for the basketball team as a center and power forward; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd left Houston and was embracing afresh start on life in Minneapolis, Minnesota where he worked as a Security Support for the Salvation Army's Harbor Light Center and Congo Latin Bistro; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, May 25, 200 the world witnessed the inhumane death of Mr. Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis Police Department officers; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that the rate at which black Americans are killed by police is more than twice as high as the rate for white Americans; and

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WHEREAS, through the efforts of people across the world we hope that America will awaken to the need of providing respect, equal citizen and support of all citizens regardless of race, religion, color, or creed; and

WHEREAS, as a way of overcoming racial disparity, Mecklenburg County, through the Health Department, must provide accessible health sites to service all people, through the Board of Education, provide an education for students that will make them college or job ready, mandate a living wage, provide access to quality food and promote healthy living.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners will support implementing making these requests a reality for all citizens of our community to truly live, work, and recreate and hereby proclaims June 15-20, 2020 as "RACIAL INEQUALITY AWARENESS WEEK" in Mecklenburg County and encourage all citizens to join us in this special observance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and carried unanimously, to adopt a proclamation declaring June 15-20, 2020 as Racial Inequality Awareness Week.

A copy of the proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

20-6193: Public Appearance

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the agenda:

Marianne Gaffney - Appreciation for Board's passage of Proclamation Declaring Racism as a Public Health Issue and the moment of silence commemorating George Floyd.

APPOINTMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC HEARING

20-6187: Continued Public hearing for Closing a Portion of Right-of-Way for Lahaina Lane and Ogden Lane

Tyrone Wade, County Attorney stated the item was before the Board back in March and was continued to allow for the road construction to be completed. However, due to weather, the construction is still not complete, and the hearing will need to be continued until July 7, 2020.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and carried unanimously, to continue the public hearing with respect to the closing of a portion of right-of-way for Lahaina Lane and Ogden Lane until July 7, 2020.

20-6204: TEFRA Hearing- ACTS Retirement- Life Communities, Inc ACTS Retirement Resolution

A motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell, seconded by Commissioner Fuller, and carried unanimously, to open TEFRA public hearing and receive comments on the proposed financing by ACTS Retirement-Life Communities.

There being no speakers, either for or against, a motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and carried unanimously, to close the public hearing and to adopt a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mecklenburg, North Carolina, approving the issuance by the Public Finance Authority of its ACTS Retirement Life Communities, Inc. Obligated Group, Series 2020 bonds in one or more series (the "bonds"), in an amount not to exceed \$60,000,000.

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 49, Document #6.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT

20-6213: Discovery Place Nature Museum Project Update

Dena Diorio, County Manager said there was work that was done with the community for several months on revisions to the plan to satisfy some of the concerns the neighbors had with the project and they believed they were at a place that satisfied the concerns of the neighbors.

Lee Jones, Parks and Recreation Director introduced Bert Lynn.

Bert Lynn, Capital Planning Director, Park and Recreation, said the building was almost 70 years old and had reached the end of its effective life. He said changes in building systems, accessibility, and life safety standards and limitations to improve and enhance exhibits all pointed to the need for a new building. He said the new building would allow Discovery Place to meet modern museum accreditation standards. He went over building specifications, stating that the current building was 13,000 sf; current design at 25,900 sf and with 61 original parking spaces and with a minimum of 87 required. He gave an overview of the site conditions that must be considered as part of the project. He said the master plan effort was led by Discovery Place 2015 and the design team selected with kick-off meeting May 2019; CM at Risk contractor, Roger Leeper, was selected in July of 2019. Preliminary design was completed and shared with community groups and applied for access and buffer variance, access variance approved. He said there were two items which required a variance from the City, which would affect the location of the driveway access to the new center and the location of the parking lot. He mentioned that

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the variance regarding the location of the parking lot was denied.

Mr. Lynn said as for the site, the existing building location was ideal, and the entry was located on the lower level adjacent to greenway and park. He said the proposed building was approximately 25,900 sf and 11,800 sf public space 14,100 sf back of house. He provided more details to the proposed building. There would be the following amenities: entrance plaza; public exhibits; pollinator garden; apiary; frog bog; outdoor exhibits; otter habitat; outdoor classroom; canopy walk; aviary; learning kiosks; walking trail.

Mr. Lynn said that many neighbors had shared there was not enough community engagement during the master plan process several years ago. He said there was concern that the impact of the new building to the site and tree canopy would be too great and neighbors were concerned that a new, larger, Discovery Place Nature would contribute to more traffic and increased on-street parking along Sterling Road. Neighbors were also concerned about access to the parking area after hours and overnight. He said based on received feed back from the meeting, the design team studies a number of site-layout scenarios that would address those concerns. He went over discussions from the second neighborhood meeting from January 2020 and many neighbors felt the site impact was still too invasive due to the long, linear parking area in the turn around located at the end of the parking area. He said they were asked to reconsider additional site plan revisions to explore a more compact option for the new, enlarged parking area.

Mr. Lynn said they were able to meet again with the neighbors the week of June 1, 2020 via Skype and went over the final site concept. He stated the bus drop off would be on Princeton with access through site, with a turnaround integrated into parking area would improve circulation and minimize impact to site/adjacent properties. He went over the buffer between the adjacent homes and parking lot. Planted buffer between residential properties and parking lot. The new parking lot would be offset approximately 38 feet from the property line, and the buffer would include existing trees, planted trees, and shrubs, have a minimum of six-foot tall privacy fence

Mr. Lynn reviewed next steps, including that the design would be resumed in summer of 2020, construction would begin in 2021, and estimated completion would be in early 2023.

Mr. Lynn responded to comments and questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Powell said she had been involved every step of the way since 2015 and had never voted yes; she did not support the site and will not. She said Freedom Park is already too overcrowded; it would be a better fit to put in District 2 or District 4. She requested to be invited to the next community meeting.

The presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

20-6190: Capital Project Ordinances

Sarah Cunningham, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the capital project ordinances. She said the CIP was a 5-year plan for sustaining and improving the County's infrastructure. It identifies the type, timing, location, and proposed financing of capital projects. CIP

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funds capital investments in: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools; Park and Recreation; Government Facilities; Central Piedmont Community College; Library; Capital ordinances provide the capital budget to implement the CIP. The ordinances would increase the Capital Plan from \$1.61 billion to \$1.75 billion. CMS had a significant increase of \$89.2 million to cover additional costs of land and construction. She said CMS ordinances tonight would provide \$75.5 million of this funding, the remainder would be covered in projects slated to start next year. She said the ordinances will also implement items that have already been approved by the Board, including, \$2 million Park and Recreation land increase; \$8 million for Government Facilities CGMC and Security, and \$39.5 million for Spirit Square. She said as of May 31, 2020, \$262.9 million has been spent.

She said CMS estimated \$89.2 million more needed to achieve the projects outlined in the FY2019-FY2023 CIP, \$100.4 million in cost increases for land, and additional construction costs across 20 projects, \$30 million for land, \$70.4 million for increased project costs, offset in part with savings of \$11.2 million where bids have come in below projected, and Collinswood Language Academy, Harding High School, and K-8 Language Immersion Schools.

She provided an update on the CMS FY2019-FY2023 CIP. She said there was \$30 million in new funding for land: \$2.5 million request for Elementary school relief; \$27.5 million for South Mecklenburg High School relief; projects: advanced funding, FY2019, and FY2020 Project cost increases, net of savings; repurposes \$12.5 million from land for construction costs, South Mecklenburg High School, EE Waddell Renovation, Garinger High School Renovation and Addition. She said that as of May 31, 2020, CMS had spent \$142.1 million.

Ms. Cunningham reviewed the Park and Recreation FY2019-FY2023 CIP: a total of \$8.6 million in FY2021 and \$37 million for the 5-year CIP for land; as of May 31, \$14.5 million had been spent to acquire land under the CIP; for projects, it would authorize Eastfield Regional Park to begin construction, for an estimated cost of \$5 million total expenses for Park and Recreation: \$69.1 million of the \$302.2 million has been spent to date.

Ms. Cunningham reviewed the government facilities FY2019-FY2023 CIP. She said there was an increase of \$3.8 million for the CGMC Renovation Budget using savings from prior CIP and to implement Phase II of County Security Upgrades will cause an increase of \$4.8 million for a total of \$7.6 million. She said the total expenses for Government Facilities was \$20.4 million of the \$170.8 million CIP spent to date.

Ms. Cunningham reviewed the Central Piedmont Community College FY2019-FY2023 CIP. Central Piedmont Community College Projects had all been authorized through prior year ordinances. She said there were a total of \$151.1 million appropriations in the CIP for Central Campus, Harris Campus, and land acquisition. She said that as of May 31, 2020, \$21.5 million had been spent.

Ms. Cunningham reviewed the Library FY2019-FY2023 CIP. The ordinance provided \$39.5 million for Spirit Square and Main Library connected projects and the Main Library and Scaleybark Library Replacement previously authorized for a total of \$66.7 million in the current CIP. She said that of the total \$106.2 million, including Spirit Square, \$6.4 million had been spent and the Main Library costs shifted later than previously estimated, pending Spirit Square decision.

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Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked how they could address the situation of extremely crowded middle schools in District six and stated she did not want to wait until the next bond, as it felt too far away. She said what she was hearing from the District six residents was that they could not wait that long. She said she was just putting it that there was some way they could help find a solution outside of the next bond. She said she was willing to try to do anything that she could to try to make that happen.

Chair Dunlap requested an updated list of vacant land, buildings not in use, and the impact of COVID-19 on the budget. He said that he wanted projects re-reviewed.

Earnest Winston, CMS Superintendent; Carol Stamper, Deputy CMS Superintendent; Dena Diorio and Sarah Cunningham responded to comments and questions from Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Harden, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and carried unanimously, to (A) approve the FY2021 Authorization Land Acquisition, (B) approve FY2021 Authorization School Facilities Capital Project Ordinance; (C) amend FY2020 Authorization School Facilities Capital Project Ordinance; (D) approve FY2021 Authorization Park and Recreation Capital Project Ordinance, and (F) amend FY2016 Authorization Government Facilities Capital Project Ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake and seconded by Commissioner Scarborough to (E) amend the FY2018 Authorization Library Facilities Main and Spirit Square.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried as follows:

YES: Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough

NO: Commissioner Powell

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake and seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, to (G) amend FY2019 Authorization Government Facilities Capital Project Ordinance.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried as follows:

YES: Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, and Scarborough

NO: Commissioner Powell and Rodriguez-McDowell

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake and seconded by Commissioner Harden, to (H) amend FY2020 Authorization Government Facilities Capital Project Ordinance.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried as follows:

YES: Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough

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NO: Commissioner Powell

The presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Ordinances recorded in full in Ordinance Book 49 Document Nos. 7-14.

20-6220: COVID-19 Response Update

Update on Public Health Response to COVID-19

Gibbie Harris, Health Director thanked the Board for the proclamation on racism and stated that as the Public Health Director, she supported the recognition of racism as a public health issue and was grateful for the leadership and commitment and support of public health in Mecklenburg County. She committed to working with the Board and community on the actions needed to address this crisis.

Ms. Harris gave an update on COVID-19. She said by the end of the present day, there were a total of 7,336 confirmed cases in Mecklenburg County, with 134 deaths. She said there were 20 outbreaks in congregate living facilities in the community. She said that on June 14, 2020 they had 6,810 lab confirmed cases and had been seeing increased testing in the community and over the last 18 days they had seen triple-digit numbers of new cases identified in the community.

She reviewed current characteristics of COVID-19 cases and stated that among reported COVID 19 cases: 3 in 4 were adults ages 20 to 59. She stated that 1 in 10 were hospitalized and just over half, 3421, were released from isolation. She said that 36.8% were Hispanic, most of whom are younger adults ages 20 to 39. She said there were two children with Multi-system Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS C). She stated both of them had done well but that unfortunately there was a child in the community on a ventilator. She went over lab confirmed COVID-19 cases, per 100,000 residents, by zip code of patient's residence, as of June 14, 2020. She said there was wide-spread COVID-19 in the communities but that there were some areas with higher rates than others.

Ms. Harris reviewed current characteristics of COVID19 deaths, stating that among COVID 19 related deaths: most (91%) were adults 60 years and older, with underlying chronic health conditions and that there were increasing numbers (8.6%) in the 40-59 age group. She stated that all but two were with underlying health conditions and that 62% were residents at long-term care facilities. She said that 58.7% were non-Hispanic White.

Ms. Harris reviewed the expansion of COVID-19 testing. She said that there was expanded testing guidance for additional priority groups and that health systems would continue testing at facilities and mobile sites. She said there were new retail testing locations at 15 CVS Pharmacies and two Walmart stores. She stated increased testing and wrap around services were through federally qualified health centers and that there were planning additional community-based testing sites with NC DHHS and commercial laboratories.

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Ms. Harris reviewed the current support for congregate living sites; she stated that MCPH began conducting routine outreach to all Congregate Living Sites to provide guidance and assistance with COVID 19 related issues. She said they were working with facilities that were in outbreak status to increase testing, especially among staff and were seeking State support in that effort. She said for facilities experiencing outbreaks, MCPH provided initial guidance on infection control, helped coordinate PPE, and regular follow up until the outbreak ended. She said they were moving towards increased frequency of testing of staff in all congregated living sites. She was hoping that most would be tested weekly and that it would allow them to cut down on the number of cases in the sites.

Ms. Harris reviewed the current outreach to vulnerable populations; she identified locations for mobile testing sites in minority communities and were setting up new data feeds to monitor testing data by race and geography. She stated there was a spread of key messages and up-to-date information through media partners, such as: tv, radio, print, and web. She said they also did outreach to minority owned and minority service businesses as well as to churches to seek guidance on messaging and best approaches to reach these communities; provide guidance, toolkits, and signage as needed. She said that unfortunately the mobility in the County had neared base-line levels. She said they were getting close to where they were before they did their stay at home order in terms of mobility in the community which was an indicator of the social distancing in Mecklenburg County. She said that COVID-19 was still a very present threat to the community. She said testing alone and contact tracing alone would not get them out of the pandemic. She said there was still no cure or vaccine for the virus and that it was up to us all to do their part.

Commissioner Leake asked that with school opening August 17, 2020, if they had any plans to for how they planned to open the school system.

Ms. Harris said no but that they were working with the school system and the State.

Commissioner Leake asked clarifying questions, and Ms. Harris provided answers.

Commissioner Jerrell stated that he was in favor of them mandating wearing masks. He stated that Ms. Harris mentioned something on the site about providing information on testing locations and asked where that could be found.

Ms. Harris said it could be found on the public health page and the County website as well.

Commissioner Harden stated that she was willing to implement mandatory masks.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions, and Ms. Harris provided answers.

Commissioner Cotham asked if you had COVID-19 and passed away what would the death certificate say.

Ms. Harris responded that if an individual had multiple health conditions that could contribute to death, it would always be hard to determine what the exact factor was that caused it. She said that at this point, if someone tested with COVID-19 and died, that would be expected by the

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State and CDC that they record it as a COVID-19 death. She said that was the guidance that medical providers had, that it had to be on the death certificate. She said it does not mean that they would not put a secondary or they may even put COVID-19 as a secondary cause as apposed to a primary cause, but it would still count as a COVID-19 death.

Commissioner Jerrell felt they were losing the messaging more, because as much as they would say people should wash their hands and put their mask on the messaging they were really sending was that they were inexorably moving toward reopening no matter what the data was, they were moving toward reopening. HE said he felt in the beginning of this, Mecklenburg County was leading and on the front edge but that he did not feel as though they were on the front edge anymore and that it felt as though they were just on the sidelines watching it happen. He said they were above the level where they were when they felt they had to issue a stay at home order, yet they were kind of like the frog in the pot of water. He said it was cold when they put the frog in and when you turn up the heat, it was still going up and the frog was going to be cooked before he ever knew it. He said that was what he felt they were doing, watching the heat go up and doing pretty much nothing about it. He said they were seeing articles in national papers about a surge of the pandemic in the south. He said they had inconsistent messaging, so people were not listening. He said they needed to act and one thing he thought they needed to do was require masks. He said it seemed like the least they could do.

Commissioner Scarborough left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fuller and seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, to receive a recommendation at the next regular Board meeting whether the County will require masks or face coverings in Mecklenburg County; in addition, receive information regarding the potential implications of that requirement.

Commissioner Fuller said it was a policy decision for the Board and not a decision for the Emergency Operations Management.

Commissioner Cotham said she would vote no because they did not have permission from the towns.

Commissioner Fuller said they should be leading their other municipalities on the question instead of simply assuming they would answer no when they decided they wanted to make it a requirement in Mecklenburg County.

A vote was taken on the motion and recorded as follows:

YES: Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell

NO: Commissioner Cotham

Chair Dunlap said a lot of other communities around the U.S. were recommending masks and they had some protocols and exceptions to when you should not be mandated to wear masks. He said if the staff would do some research, he believed it was already out there. He mentioned people with disabilities and other medical reasons of as to why people could not wear masks.

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He mentioned staff in facilities being tested and said his concern was why everyone was not being tested.

Ms. Harris responded that when they first started seeing facility outbreaks, it took some doing to get everyone tested in the facilities but that now it was almost automatic and once they had one individual testing positive, they would test everyone in the facility. He said the concern about testing staff was that they were the ones going in and out of the facilities, which did not mean that they would not continue to test within the facility, but they biggest concern were those individuals who were there during the day or night then go back to the community and come back in. She said it did not mean that they would not be testing the residents as well.

Chair Dunlap said that part of the solution in getting compliance was having the corporate community make the same requirements. He said if every business required people to have a mask to enter, people would realize they could not go anywhere without one. He said that was part of what he believed would help them get there, to have all the businesses require people to wear masks to enter their facility. He said he believed that would go a long way in terms of reaching the goal of having everyone wear a mask. He said if the biggest problems were in nursing homes, that was where the focus should be. He said it seemed they were all over the place, and he would like to know what the overall strategy was.

Ms. Harris said when there was notification that there had been a case in a nursing home, be it a staff person or an individual, they would immediately be in touch with the administration in that facility and work with them to get everyone tested. She said at that point they have their environmental health staff as well as MEDIC and the regional hospital systems to make some facility visits to ensure their infection control, policies, and procedures were in a good place and people were actually compliant with it. She said they made they help them make decisions about how to locate positives within the environment, so they were not exposing others and so staff who were working with COVID-19 positives were separated from staff who were working with those who were not COVID-19 positive. She said they were regularly in touch with those facilities throughout the process while there was still an outbreak status. She said throughout the process while they were still in outbreak status they would work and have conversations with them almost every day to understand what their PPE needs were and that they had been providing that through the EOC and ensuring they had what they need.

Ms. Harris said they were doing any needed education with staff to ensure they were implementing the infection control policies that they needed to be implementing and a couple of places where there was not enough staffing, they worked with the State to ensure staffing was being brought in so that there was sufficient staffing to care for the residents in the facility and restricting new residents from coming in during outbreak status. She said that was standard during any communicable diseases outbreak within a facility. She said they had been working with the State as they were the ones who license the facilities through a different branch of state government and that they had been somewhat involved but not as involved as they would like them to be with guidance to the facilities, so they had been trying to do as much of that as they could themselves but they did not license them and did not have the same level of control over what they did. She said most of them were really eager to get out of outbreak status, so they were listening to them and doing what they were asking them to do.

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She said the big challenge they were seeing was with the staff who work in multiple facilities, so they were being tested to try to prevent them from transferring COVID-19 themselves. She said they would work with them until they were three weeks without a case before, they come out of outbreak status. She said at that point they were not shifting away from that but that they also were starting to work with those who were not in outbreak status to test their staff regularly as well, because that was how COVID-19 was coming into their facility. She said if it was not already there, it was coming from those going into the facility and that the facilities still were not receiving visitors. She said they had staff specifically assigned to each facility to work with that facility to get to know the administration and to ensure what was happening in the facility needs to.

Chair Dunlap requested the strategy to be documented.

Commissioner Scarborough returned to the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

Commissioner Powell requested information the percentage of people in each age who had underlying health conditions.

Commissioner Fuller said he did not hear an answer to the question of what the plan and that was was a concern he had been raising for quite some time and he would keep raising it. He said those were questions that elected leaders had to make and he wanted to encourage them to understand that they had to involved the elected leaders in what they were doing, because they were the ones who were called upon to be held responsible and they could not fulfill the responsibility if they were not engaged in the conversations. He said they were watching their numbers grow in the County and he did not think it was sufficient to say they were waiting for guidance from the State or federal government as he did not think that was enough. He said he would continue to said that issue, because he felt they had ceded their authority and leadership, and he did not like being in that position.

Chair Dunlap requested that the community continue to wear masks, wash hands often, and to social distance. He said the alternative would be going back to level one.

The presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Coronavirus Relief Fund

Michael Bryant, Assistant County Manager, reviewed the Coronavirus Relief Fund Proposed Spend Plan and said the purpose of the presentation was to present a proposal for spending the \$39 million that Mecklenburg County had received from the federal government to support the response to the Corona Virus. With the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Congress passed a \$2.5 Trillion package to aid: Individuals & families; Businesses; State & local governments through a variety of federal agencies, state, & direct local funding. It established the Coronavirus Relief Fund equaling \$150 Billion and Mecklenburg County received \$39.2 Million.

In terms of COVID-19 related costs to date, for Employee & Facility Safety, the cost was \$3,139,000, with \$2,974,000 being CRF eligible. For public health, the cost was 2,527,000 with \$988,000 being CRF eligible. For housing and small business, the cost was \$5,500,000, with \$0

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being CRF eligible. For housing and personnel costs, the cost was \$4,860,700 with \$2,610,200 being CRF eligible. For housing and housing and homelessness, the cost was \$300,000 with \$48,000 being CRF eligible. For other, the cost was \$1,576,000 with \$1,576,000 being CRF eligible. The other category included the \$1.3M contribution to the Char-Mecklenburg Relief Fund, staff support, and FEMA consultation. The grand total was \$17,902,700 with \$9,706,500 being CRF eligible and \$907,706,500. In terms of projected COVID-19 related costs, it was projected to be \$15,846,125, with the total amount of \$24,042,280 CRF eligible costs.

For the proposed funding plan, \$15.2M remained for investments in broad categories, and it factored impactful investments that could be made immediately and initiatives that will require additional planning. It would give consideration to the towns and unincorporated areas and included investments that clearly aligned to the guidance and could be tracked for accounting purposes. All investments must address COVID-19 and be fully spent by December 30, 2020. It would consider other funding sources available for COVID 19 Response, such as: the City of Charlotte for \$154.5M CRF; CMS for \$33.6M CARES Act; CPCC for \$10.8M CARES Act; and Elections \$1.03M State Legislative Funding.

For targeted investments in the broad categories, Community Response would include assistance for individuals, families, and seniors impacted by COVID-19, such as: rental & mortgage assistance, food & utilities assistance, and a workforce development. For Continuity of Operations would include investments required to return the organization to full operations, such as: PPE, facility modifications, and technology. Economic Development would include financial support to assists businesses with recovering from COVID 19. Emergency Response would include investments to offset expenses incurred in response to COVID 19, such as: salaries and communications. He went over examples of immediate investments.

He gave a summary of the requests from Huntersville, Davidson, Matthews, and Cornelius, Mint Hill, which sought reimbursements for costs incurred to date as well as the projected costs to December 30, 2020. He said the investments also included costs associated with providing general assistance to the residents in the townships for expenses associated with emergency response. He said there was a \$216,000 place holder for any additional investments in the towns, unincorporated areas, and nonprofits.

He gave a summary of the request amounts for non-profits, Ada Jenkins Center; Pineville Neighbor's Place; Matthew's Help Center; and Servant's Heart of Mint Hill for general assistance for mortgage, rent, and utilities totaling up to \$1,285,000. He stated that the following: digital divide; housing assistance; investments in senior programs & supportive services, including assisted living facilities; small business assistance; mental health support; workforce development; working families; would need additional time to plan.

He reviewed examples of the immediate investments. Towns, unincorporated areas and non-profits, \$2,785,000, which would include financial support. General assistance, \$1,500,000, which would include rental at \$1 million and utility assistance at \$500,000. Food security, \$1,000,000, which would include funding for food pantries throughout the County. PPE, \$1,000,000, which would include community wide distribution of personal protection equipment. Serving seniors during COVID-19, \$1,000,000, which would include funding for grants to support seniors to ensure sufficient support in response to COVID-19. The grants would fund expenses such as: PPE, testing, cleaning sanitizer, counseling, mental health support, shields, and

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screens. Community engagement, \$500,000, which would include design strategies and initiatives for high-risk populations. Senior nutrition, \$300,000, which would include expansion of senior citizen nutrition program.

He said the next steps to be addressed were to provide feedback on the proposed Coronavirus Relief Fund spend plan, while being mindful that all funds must be spent by December 30, 2020 and that the Board would only have one regular meeting each month beginning in July to September; finalize the Coronavirus Relief Fund spend plan; identify vendors, review proposals for alignment to the CRF guidance, and draft & execute contracts provide status updates to the Board on specific initiatives and briefings on new guidance; continue to assess other needs and bring back proposals for spending contingency; and brief the Board on the planned investments at the next regular meeting on July 7, 2020.

Mr. Bryant, Tyrone Wade, County Attorney, Dena Diorio, County Manager, and Starla Tanner, Legislative Affairs Liaison, responded to Commissioners' comments and questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Harden, and carried unanimously, to approve the proposed spending plan for the Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars, including financial support for the Towns, unincorporated areas and non-profits, general assistance, food security, personal protective equipment, serving senior during COVID-19, community engagement and senior nutrition totaling \$8,085,000; and, staff will come back on July 7, 2020 with additional information on items that require more planning; including addressing the digital divide, housing assistance, investments in senior programs & supportive services, including assisted living facilities, small business assistance, mental Health support, workforce development and working families.

The presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS

20-6222: Department Management Monthly Reports

The Board received as information the monthly department management reports for June 2020 in the agenda.

Note: The County Manager requested department directors develop department management monthly reports highlighting key activities and initiatives within the departments showing relevant performance indicators of departmental activities.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS – NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS – NONE

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CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and carried unanimously, to approve the following consent agenda items:

20-6192: Minutes

Approve the following Meeting Minutes: March 4, 2020 Closed Session, March 24, 2020 Closed Session, May 12, 2020 Closed Sessions, May 19, 2020 Regular Meeting, and June 2, 2020 Regular Meeting.

20-6197: Grant Application - State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program – LUESA

(A) Approve submission of a grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program grant funding up to \$200,000 and (B) if awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate amount awarded to the General Grants Fund (G001) for the duration of the grant.

Note: Mecklenburg County Air Quality is applying for up to \$200,000 in State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program (SEJCA) grant funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The SEJCA funding will be used to develop and implement a community-based social marketing pilot project in a local, underserved community. The grant defines “underserved community” as a community with environmental justice concerns and/or vulnerable populations, including minority, low-income, and homeless populations. Community-based Social Marketing (CBSM) is a strategy based on research in the social sciences which involves identifying the barriers and benefits to a desired outcome and addressing those in ways that are accepted and embraced by the community. This pilot project will address the role that air quality plays as a trigger for respiratory conditions and community members will be involved in developing the pilot project. While local air quality has improved, the Charlotte region only narrowly meets that health-based standard for ground-level ozone, as respiratory irritant. This SEJCA funding will allow County staff to work directly in an underserved community to mitigate the role air quality plays in poor respiratory health. No matching/County funds are required.

20-6199: Contract Award - Grady Cole Center-Electrical Modifications and Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning (HVAC) Replacement Project

Award a Contract to The Bowers Group, LLC in the amount of \$3,156,330 for the Grady Cole Center-Electrical Modifications and HVAC Replacement Project.

20-6200: Fleet Auction Revenue and Expenses

(A) Recognize, receive and appropriate \$144,174.01 from vehicle auction revenue to the Vehicle Replacement Reserve Fund (9010) for future vehicle purchases and (B) amend the 2019-2020 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive, and appropriate an increase in revenue of \$9,099.45 from vehicle auction to the General Fund (0001) within DSS Transportation Unit.

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20-6202: Tax Refunds

Approve refunds in the amount of \$276.65 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

Note: This Board action is necessary to approve registered motor vehicle refunds resulting from clerical errors, value changes and appeals processed in the new statewide vehicle tax system.

A list of the taxpayer recipients is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

20-6203: Mecklenburg County North Mecklenburg Recycling Center Office Project

Authorize the Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with AVM Contractors, LLC for the Mecklenburg County North Mecklenburg Recycling Center Office project in the amount of \$515,254.

20-6207: Greenway Donation - Stewart Creek

(A) Accept a permanent greenway easement (+/- .132 acres) on Tax Parcel 071- 114-12 from Savona II, LLC for Stewart Creek Greenway and (B) accept a temporary construction easement on Tax Parcel 071-114-12 (+/- 036 square feet) from Savona II, LLC for the construction of Stewart Creek Greenway.

20-6208: Retail Tenant Lease - Government District Parking Deck

(A) Adopt the Resolution titled "Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners Resolution Authorizing Lease of Property to Timothy Pavone, owner of The Law Offices of Attorney Timothy J. Pavone and (B) recognize, receive and appropriate \$74,215.40 from Unallocated Capital Reserve Fund.

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 49, Document #15.

20-6209: Amended Fee Schedule - Health Department

Approve a new fee of \$23.46 for specimen collection for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (COVID-19).

Note: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, NC Medicaid/Medicare have added a reimbursable charge for the specimen collection for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). This charge is also reimbursable under the HRSA COVID-19 Uninsured Program. In accordance with federal guidelines, no patient will be charged for COVID19 specimen collection or testing. The fee is \$23.46 per specimen.

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20-6218: I-277 Pedestrian Bridge

Approve the I-277 Pedestrian Bridge Interlocal Agreement.

Note: In 2004, the City of Charlotte removed the pedestrian bridge crossing component from the LYNX Blue Line Extension Project as a cost savings measure. The removal of the crossing left behind a critical link in the multi-use trail, which runs between South End and Uptown. As a result, it was agreed to restore the pedestrian bridge at a cost of \$11 million. Contributions towards the cost of the bridge is as follow: \$3.1M - Mecklenburg County; \$3.1M City of Charlotte; \$3.3M - NC DOT; and, \$1.5M - private, non-profit and grants. As part of the FY2019 Operating Budget, the Board of County Commissioners allocated \$3.1M to capital reserves to contribute to the pedestrian project as part of its contribution. This funding proposal meets City goals that include promoting transportation choices through adopted plans such as the Center City 2020 Vision Plan.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

20-6196: Budget Amendment - County Assessor's Office (Carry Forward of Unspent Funds)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and carried unanimously to amend the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Budget Ordinance for the General Fund (0001) to allow the carry forward of unspent funds from the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance for the General Fund (0001) within the County Assessor's Office for the 2023 Revaluation which remain available at June 30, 2020 up to \$150,000.

20-6201: FY21 Funding Plan - DSS Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and carried unanimously to approve the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding plan for FY21.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

20-6221: Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Leake thanked Commissioner Jerrell for his proclamation. She mentioned the newsletter put out by the Health Department and thanked Mr. Trotman, Ms. Heartbeat, and others who had worked to make it successful. She said that out of the crisis, she prayed that some good would come and life not continue as it was as they burry and grieve all day about their children, yet unborn, to come into a world that says based upon your color that you were not accepted. She said black lives matter.

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Commissioner Jerrell said June 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in Marshall Park Black Men United would get together for a rally as a sign that black men wanted to come together in the community to denounce racism and talk and lend their voices to the discussion around interaction with law enforcement by black men in the disproportionate outcomes that they saw. He invited everyone. He reminded everyone that the fifth anniversary of Charleston Mother Emanuel shooting would be June 17, 2020. He mentioned that Commissioner Leake received racist, hate letter and wanted the community to know and Commissioner Leak to know and understand that there was no greater voice in the community for particularly black people and he wanted her to know that they all stood with her, had her back, and stood on her shoulders as she had been a soldier in the field for many years. He said it was a shame they still came to the point where people do what they do without respect for people who should certainly be respected. He said Commissioner Leake, you are not standing alone, as they were all there for her.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell lost internet connection to the meeting at 10:50 p.m. She rejoined the meeting at 10:54 p.m.

Commissioner Harden said to Commissioner Leake that they stood with her as her colleagues and that she was sorry that happened and that she agreed there was no greater voice. She also made recognition to the three dads on the Board and told all of the dads in the community Happy Father's Day. She mentioned her dad was in the community and wanted to give him all kinds of appreciation. She mentioned the seniors dying from COVID-19 and her appreciation for Chair Dunlap asking what they were doing strategically to focus in on that, since that was where a lot of the suffering was happening.

Commissioner Cotham joined her colleagues when she said she was so very sorry that yet again she had received another hateful, racist, letter. She wished a Happy Father's Day to the Board and staff.

Commissioner Fuller said he was proud to serve on the Board with the eight other commissioners and that they did something significant and that the story was yet to be told about the investments they had called for and taken. He said the consequences would be seen in the months and years to come. He said he was hopeful and prayerful that things would be different, and the protests were being heard and that there were people in office who would respond to what people had been crying out about for decades. He said the only way it would change is for elected leaders to demand change and accept nothing less than change. He said that was the work they were doing and that they had to keep at it.

Commissioner Scarborough said they must turn from their wicked ways and that she believed they could move on if people believed they must put their beliefs in practice.

Commissioner Dunlap mentioned a story about how he would yell at his son for not making a complete stop while driving and how his son now understood why, that it was because his dad did not want him to give police officers any reason to stop him. He said it made him feel good that he finally understood the message he gave his son at age 16. He said if you would pay attention to national news and even with what was going on, it had not stopped what was going on in the Country and they needed to be vigilant and needed to raise their voices in order to demand change. He asked for everyone's support to do that. He said he would be looking forward to more good news about their ability to increase affordable housing in the community.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Harden, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Emily A. Kunze, Clerk

George Dunlap, Chair