

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING



YT Bell–Chair
Debra Johnson, Member
Awet Eyasu, Member

June 17, 2020 7:00 PM

Teleconference

404-902-5066

Conference Code: 266803

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. INTRODUCTION OF MEETING'S PURPOSE

C1) Discuss Clarkston Emergency Business Loan Application

a) DeKalb County Small Business Loan Program - Mr. Barry Williams

i. Mr. Barry and Councilwoman Bell have discussed working together to educate Clarkston Business owners and promote the loan program provided by the county as it is the most cost effective and feasible business loan program.

ii. City of Clarkston plans to work with DeKalb County and Urban League of Atlanta through the DeKalb Small Business Micro-Enterprise Program to promote, increase outreach efforts, and ensure that Clarkston businesses are members of the summer program to learn how to recover from COVID-19 and have the option to receive revolving loan funds from DeKalb County. Councilwoman Bell will work with nonprofit agencies to provide interpretation, yet this training will be provided online and required that applicants verify their business in DeKalb County.

C2) Leadership Clarkston Resident Academy (Governance & Civics 101)

a) Leadership Clarkston will help identify and develop community leaders (age 18 to 80) and engage residents by educating them on Clarkston's history and equip them with the knowledge about local government, city departments, and the importance of voting. This will be a structured series of hands-on sessions for individuals that are committed to Clarkston and ensuring that the city continues to progress forward. This program would cover topics included, but not limited to, Clarkston's history, service delivery, economic development, zoning, public safety, public works, marketing and mass communication, infrastructure, and leadership. This program would have a full curriculum and allow city staff and our community partners to lead and facilitate the classes. To graduate from the program, participants would need to complete group project on an area that they'd like to improve about or in Clarkston in one of the topic areas that they chose. This would allow us to increase our pipeline of leaders in Clarkston. This program would exist on a quarterly basis in partnership with the Georgia Piedmont Technical College.

b) Dr. Clark and Councilwoman Bell have discussed working together on this project previously to ensure that the residents understand the resources in the community to advance learning and leadership opportunities. Dr. Clark will discuss the resources from the college and the importance of the partnership.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. Comments

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ADJOURNMENT: