

AGENDA
 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
 Monday, March 1, 2010
 5:30 p.m.
 (Or immediately following Public Safety Committee)
 Executive Conference Room
 Administration Building

Committee Members:
 William McBride, Chairman
 Gerald Dawson, Vice Chairman
 Steven Baer
 Rick Caporale
 Herbert Glaze
 Stu Rodman
 Laura Von Harten

Staff Support
 Morris Campbell, Division Director

- 5:30 p.m.** 1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PRIORITIZATION OF 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTS ([Supplement from Feb. 22, 2010 Public Hearing](#))
3. ADJOURNMENT

County TV Rebroadcast	
Monday	4:00 a.m.
Monday	10:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.

Community Services		
Date	Time	Location
March 22	4:00 p.m.	BIV #2
April 19	4:00 p.m.	BIV #2
May 17	4:00 p.m.	BIV #2
June 21	4:00 p.m.	BIV #2
July 19	4:00 p.m.	BIV #2
August 16	4:00 p.m.	BIV #2
September 20	4:00 p.m.	BIV #2
October 18	4:00 p.m.	BIV #2
November 15	4:00 p.m.	BIV #2
December 20	4:00 p.m.	BIV #2

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Excerpt
Minutes of the Beaufort County Council
February 22, 2010

Public Hearing -- Community Development Block Grant Needs Assessment 2010

Mr. Thomas C. Barnwell, Jr., a 74½ year resident of Hilton Head Island and representing the Mitchelville Committee, requests the use of property at 200 Dillon Road for a Mitchelville Welcome Center. We are asking for a historic planning grant of \$50,000 and a facility upgrading grant of \$15,000 for planning and renovating the facility, which the County jointly owns for a total grant request of \$65,000. We would like to utilize the property as soon as possible. Please, your positive action will be a signal for other opportunities such as the Gullah Geechee Corridor potential funds and private funds. There will be jobs for low-and-moderate income residents through workforce programs. When it is fully developed, Mitchelville will become the largest and most prestigious historic tourist attraction in the southern part of Beaufort County. Thank you for allowing me to appear here tonight. There are seven members of our committee present tonight – Ezra Cal Callahan, Irvine Campbell, Herbert Ford, Dot Law, Peter Ovens, Ben Williams and Charles Young.

Mr. Ed Boyd, Executive Director of the Beaufort Housing Authority, said the mission of the Authority is to assist low-to-moderate income families with housing. He thanked Council for the past assistance it granted to the Authority. It seems like every time the Authority appeared before Council, it has responded in some fashion to assist us with our mission of providing housing. Based on a recent conversation he had with Planning Director Tony Criscitiello, there may be some other opportunities where we can work together. Mr. Boyd plugged affordable housing one more time. He asked Council to keep affordable housing for low-to-moderate income people in its priorities because there are various programs and avenues available to assist them. Some activities are acquisition of property, permanent housing, rehabilitation to permanent housing, conversion of a non-residential structure to permanent housing, newly constructed housing when eligible and assistance to household down payment assistance for down payment and closing costs. Affordable housing has been on Council's agenda and he feels sure it is still there. He asked Council to keep it in the forefront as it considers alternative programs.

Mr. Larry Holman, President of the Beaufort County Black Chamber of Commerce, stated the Black Chamber of Commerce had a project last year presented; but, unfortunately, was not funded. He is here again this year, hopefully, to get it funded. The project involves replacing the dilapidated building at 711 Bladen Street (the old liquor store) in the Northwest Quadrant, a blighted area, of the City of Beaufort. A new two-story building is proposed. The first floor will be used as an incubator for small businesses while the second floor will provide livable space for low-to-moderate income families making less than \$52,000. The cost to purchase and demolish the dilapidated building is between \$850,000 to \$900,000. The property is in foreclosure. The bank is working with the Chamber in an effort to reach an acceptable purchase price.

Mr. Michael Bostwick, Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA of Beaufort County, asked Council to consider funding affordable educational childcare. The *Together for Beaufort* report identifies the cost of childcare in Strategic Goal One, Objective: by 2012, the cost of childcare will not exceed 25% of a working families' income. More than 5,000 people use the YMCA each month. One of the biggest obstacles is affordable daycare. At present the YMCA is not licensed nor offers all day daycare, but classroom space is available. He requested \$150,000 to help convert classroom space to all day daycare.