

General Advisory Committee of the
Burlington County Community Development Program
January 9, 2025 3:00 PM

Present: Susan Jackson, representing New Hanover Township, Kelly West, Workforce Development, Kevin Dowd, representing Walters Group, William Long, representing Mt. Laurel Township, Robert Wells, Economic Development, Sara Cannon-Moye, Edgewater Park Township, Ally Schmidt, representing Literacy NJ, Kevin Rijs, representing Evesham Township, Joe Bellina, representing Delran Township, Darlene Trappier, representing Beacon of Hope, Madelyn Sutton, representing Christian Caring Center, Jeanette Hennessy, representing Providence House, Ted Lovenduski, representing Florence Township, Chris Smith, representing SEN-HAN Transportation, Randy Brolo, representing the Labor Union, Megan LoBue, representing Food Bank of SJ, Lavinia Awosanya, representing Food Bank of SJ, Beverly Russell, representing Delanco Township, Paula Kosko, representing Hainesport Township, Robert White, Malamut & Associates, Malikah Morris, Human Services, Jennifer Hiros, Linda Horner, Monica Rego, Patricia Lake, The Division of Community Development and Housing.

1. Call to order – Open Public Meetings Act
The meeting was called to order at 3:01 PM by Jennifer Hiros. Jennifer Hiros stated the meeting follows the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was opened for public comment. No members of the public were present, and hearing no comment, Jennifer Hiros closed the public comment portion.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of December 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes
Susan Jackson moved to approve the December 12, 2024, meeting minutes, and Paula Kosko seconded. The **motion carried**.
4. Spotlight Presentation – no presentation given
5. Community Development and Housing – Jennifer Hiros
The Division of Community Development and Housing is working on the 5-year Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan is included in this plan. Four focus groups were conducted to gather data and collect information regarding housing, homelessness, social services, and economic development. A Community Needs Survey is available on SurveyMonkey to gain perspective on community needs. Agencies and individuals are encouraged to complete the survey.
The Division of Community Development and Housing has seen an increase in the need for housing stabilization. Through the Home Improvement Loan, Emergency Home Repair, and Emergency Heater/Air Replacement Programs clients can make repairs and remain in their homes.
5. Action Items – There were no action items.

6. Closed Session – A closed session was not held.
7. Discussion

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lake

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