



# PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Budget & Management Services

CITY OF DURHAM

## Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee Meeting

### AGENDA

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

#### I. Call to order

##### Roll call

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Jimerson    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kenneth Webb          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Rhodes | <input type="checkbox"/> Orlander Thomas                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Sater       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raivynn Smith         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denard Haney                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosa Cuppari Paradiso |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donna Kaye                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary James        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Edmiston | <input type="checkbox"/> Samuel Thomas                    |

#### II. PB Staff Update: proposed ballot complete

- a. The proposal development phase began with 250+ proposals and included 36 budget delegates
  - i. Highlights of the process include expanding engagement at the Durham Jail to full proposal development
- b. 140 residents in communities where projects were proposed engaged PB staff and/or delegates
- c. The top 10 projects are in communities with majority People of Color and most have high percentages of children
  - i. Improvements to Bethesda Park Playground (\$750,000)
  - ii. Security cameras and lights at Oxford Manor (\$150,000)
  - iii. Lakeview Park repair (\$200,000)
  - iv. Walls that Speak: murals in 8 neighborhoods (\$150,000)
  - v. Northgate Park repair (tennis courts) (\$650,000)
  - vi. Old Farm Road Park addition of exercise loop and water refilling stations (\$350,000)
  - vii. Oxford Manor playground addition (\$750,000)
  - viii. Self-cleaning public restroom in downtown (\$350,000)
  - ix. Durham Digital Access locations with wi-fi and charging stations (\$100,000) – Central Park, Black Wall Street Gardens, Raynor St (x2)
  - x. Durham skatepark repair (\$1.2 million)



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- d. Questions from PBSC members (paraphrased):
    - i. What if there are already charging stations at the proposed Digital Access sites? *That location will be replaced*
    - ii. Why does Oxford Manor have two separate projects? *Both projects had substantial support at the idea collection stage and when PB staff went into the community, residents strongly supported each*
    - iii. Is there a reason the skatepark was not previously funded? *Previous proposals regarding a skatepark were different – last year's was for a pop-up skatepark. But, the skatepark-related projects always receive a lot of support*
    - iv. Will leftover funds be used? *Projects will be funded in according to their ranking. If there are insufficient funds for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  project, then the funds will applied to the next ballot item for which they are sufficient. If the funds are inadequate to cover any of the remaining ballot items, they will be set aside for contingencies or other ongoing needs*
  - e. Kenneth voted to approve the ballot and Rosa seconded. All were in favor.
- III. Action Items & Next Steps
- a. Voting begins on October 7<sup>th</sup> with the National Night Out! Volunteers needed, and the goal is to get 2,000 votes across all sites