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Item:

Presentation of Durham Housing Authority Plans for Redevelopment of Downtown Properties (40min)

Date of BOCC Meeting: February 11, 2019

Request for Board Action:

The Board is requested to receive this report from the leadership of the Durham Housing Authority and ask any questions they wish.

Much of the current housing stock owned and managed by the Durham Housing Authority near downtown Durham is either aging and/or not adequately serving community needs based on its low density, concentration of poverty, and other factors. The Durham Housing Authority has been working with community stakeholders as well as external consultants to develop a plan for to successfully redevelop much of its downtown property to increase the number of high-quality DHA units within denser, mixed-income, often mixed-use developments. They have been through a number of potential visions for how these properties would work and are still working but would like to update the County Commission on where this process is currently. These DHA-County conversations are particularly important given the proximity of much of this development to County buildings and assets as well as because interactions between the DHA and the County's redevelopment on the 300 and 500 blocks of E. Main St. is supported partly through substantial use of Housing Choice Vouchers committed through the DHA.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: A substantial supply of high-quality housing affordable to people of all incomes and near downtown (as well as other locations) supports all of the goals of the Durham County Strategic Plan.

Resource Persons: Anthony Scott, Executive Director (Durham Housing Authority); Drew Cummings, Chief of Staff

County Manager's Recommendation: The County Manager recommends that the Board receive this report from the leadership of the Durham Housing Authority and ask any questions they wish.

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