



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 3.

DATE OF MEETING: February 15, 2010

REQUESTED BY: Barbara Birkenheuer, Executive Director Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity

SHORT TITLE: Request for Land Donation by Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity

BACKGROUND: In an effort to assist families with affordable housing in Pender County, Barbara Birkenheuer, Executive Director of Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity has requested a land donation of county owned property.

Cape Fear Habitat along with Pender County Housing, Pender Housing Initiative and Pender County Schools have embarked on a quest to locate opportunities for providing low to moderate income families with housing.

This would be the first collaboration of this sort here in Pender County that would include government and nonprofit agencies working together to meet the housing needs of the county residents.

If approved Pender County would donate a parcel of land located off on McIntyre Church Rd. (0.5 acre) and Pender County Housing and Pender Housing Initiative would oversee and apply for any available funding to assist the efforts.

In addition, Pender County Schools has agreed to be a part of these efforts by constructing the initial frame work of the unit by the Advanced Carpentry class at Pender High School. This class would be supervised by a licensed contractor in addition to Cape Fear Habitat staff.

Cape Fear Habitat serves clients from New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender County.

If the initial request is approved a formal request will be made by a resolution on the March 1, 2010 Board of County Commissioners agenda.