

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
December 2, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alfred Blackmar, Russ Carreker, Geniece Granville, Selvin Hollingsworth, Heath Schondelmayer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

D. Copeland, Chris Wightman

ALSO PRESENT:

Ben Adams, Carson Cummings, Pam Hodge, Jamie Loyd, Rob McKenna, Conner Miller, Jerald Mitchell, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, Katherine Kelly

Russ Carreker, Chair, noting that a quorum was present in person and proper notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of Georgia law, called the December 2, 2021 meeting to order.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Alfred Blackmar, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the November 4, 2021 meeting attached as Exhibit "A".

FINANCES

- Finances November 2021 - Heath Schondelmayer gave a summary of the finances and reported on some variances. Brian Sillitto commented on the balance for site development. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Alfred Blackmar, the Authority unanimously approved the November 2021 Financial Report attached as Exhibit "B".**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- Brian Sillitto reported there were 3 leads in November. He talked about the scopes of the leads. He reported that HPPE has a new name and leadership and talked about some other changes. He reported that the active projects are progressing and that several on the prospect list are looking at MTP pad-ready site.
- Jerald Mitchell commented on the following items:
 - Chamber's organizational goals of 6000 new jobs by 2026, 500 new members in 5 years, having a stronger regional impact, increasing talent and employer connectivity, and growing external influence.
 - He spoke about the Federal Infrastructure Legislation which has \$26.5 billion for Georgia with \$20.7 M for Columbus-Muscogee public transportation and the remaining funds for projects in Georgia which could include projects in Columbus-Muscogee. In addition, there are \$67.5 billion for other national projects which Columbus might be able to receive for qualifying projects. There was discussion about inland ports and I-14.
 - He spoke about the passage of the \$400M SPLOST which includes \$9M for economic development.
 - He reported that Columbus Day at the Capitol will be revised. Gift packages from Columbus will be delivered to our legislators instead of in-person visits. There may be a small group going to have dinner with some legislators.
 - He also reported that the Chamber is marketing to Shop Local during the holiday season with two billboards and the staff has added a logo to their email signatures. He talked about the inaugural Pitch Competition held by StartUP Columbus in November where the 5 finalists gave their pitches competing for \$20,000 in prizes. Women in Business is on December 9 at noon at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center.

CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

Pam Hodge reported that the City is moving forward with the \$39M received from the American Rescue Plan. She talked about the proposed cameras in parks, along the Riverwalk and some portable ones. Projects are being developed for the transportation funds coming to Columbus. The redistricting required from the 2020 census for Council and school districts is being finished with few changes. Plans are moving forward for all the SPLOST projects. She reminded members that the TSPLOST will be on the ballot in May 2022. She will provide Brian Sillitto with the final list of projects for the TSPLOST which he can send to the Authority members.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None


LEGAL ISSUES

- Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Heath Schondelmayer, the Authority unanimously approved the execution of the Estoppel Certificate and Joinder for the Northgate Village Security Agreement for the new lender contingent upon receiving the required documents. Documents are on file.
- Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Alfred Blackmar, the Authority unanimously approved the sublease of part of the Blanchard Boulevard Property by Waggoner Family Properties to Pike Electric. Documents are on file.
- Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Heath Schondelmayer with Alfred Blackmar recusing himself and leaving the room, the Authority unanimously ratified the execution of the easements for the Aflac Solar Farm project. Documents are on file.
- Rob McKenna reported that the Stallworth Plastics project validation is scheduled for December 14th and should close by end of year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Upon motion made by Alfred Blackmar and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority meeting was adjourned.

By: _____


Brian Sillitto, Assistant Secretary

Approved by: _____



Russell D. Carreker, Chair

HEATH SCHONDELMAYER, TREASURER