

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
June 4, 2020
Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alfred Blackmar, Russ Carreker, Selvin Hollingsworth, Jacki Lowe, Heath Schondelmayer, Lisa Smith, Chris Wightman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

none

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard Baxter, Josh Beard, Peter Bowden, Chuck Ford, Pam Hodge, Anna Hunt, Sendreka Lakes, Rob McKenna, Stacy Pritchard, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, Katherine Kelly

Russ Carreker, Chairman, noting that a quorum was present and proper notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of Georgia law, called the June 4, 2020 meeting to order.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Chris Wightman, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the May 7, 2020 and May 26, 2020 meeting attached as Exhibit "A" with the correction of changing May 27, 2020 to May 26, 2020.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Heath Schondelmayer reviewed the reports and explained some variances. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Lisa Smith, the Authority unanimously approved the May 2020 Financial Reports attached as Exhibit "B".**

LEGAL ISSUES

- **Upon motion made by Jacki Lowe and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved execution of documents for refinancing the loan and the new Security Deed for the Lakeside Village Apartments project.**
- **Upon motion made by Chris Wightman and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved the Fence Agreement between the owners of the commercial property and the Lakeside Village that the parties are responsible for the portion of the fence on their own property.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Brian Sillitto reported May was a very active month. He gave updates on six active prospects. The rehab and retrofit of rooms in Marriott are continuing. HPPE was visited by Gov. Kemp in reference to converting to the manufacturing of hand sanitizer. He reported on the eight new leads. One lead is a large water user which Columbus can handle. He had zoom meetings with eight Atlanta consultants. A zoom meeting is scheduled to discuss the recertification of MTP. A new level of GRAD certification is GRAD Certification Select which is a higher level of certification for properties which are more ready for development. Work continues with Golden Shovel to develop an interact website page for MTP. He reported that under the CARES Act the EDA has a gran which the Authority could apply for to help develop MTP sites.

CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

- Pam Hodge reported that City Council approved the allocation of \$350,000 from the 0.25 millage the City maintains for allocation to the CVB which would be a loan to be paid back over time. An Intergovernmental Agreement is being prepared which would route the funds through the Development Authority as economic development. The payback would come from the hotel/motel taxes. **Upon motion made by Chris Wightman and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the Authority unanimously approved in principal subject to review by legal counsel the Intergovernmental Agreement for the loan of \$350,000 from the City's millage funds reserved for economic development to the Columbus Visitor's Bureau.** Peter Bowden made comments. Pam Hodge reported that the budget process is going forward. There will be a review of budget in a Council work session in September. There are two studies going on the JR Allen corridor and Second Avenue improvements which are needed and if could be made over the next 10-15 years. There will be public hearings so the consultants can report their findings. The vote on SLOST has been postponed until November 2021.
- Anna Hurt made commented that the areas which update information through GRAD Certification Select will be moved up the list.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget – Brian Sillitto reported the proposed budget for next fiscal year is in the packet for review and a vote will be taken at the July meeting. He made a few comments. Anyone having questions or comments can contact Heath Schondelmayer, Joe Sanders, or Brian Sillitto.

OTHER ISSUES

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Russ Carreker reported that the CEO search is still in progress. He reported the July meeting date might be changed to July 9th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion made by Jacki Lowe and seconded by Selvin Hollingsworth, the meeting was adjourned.

By: _____
Jacki W. Lowe, Secretary

Approved by:

Russell D. Carreker, Chair

NOTE: These minutes were approved at the July 9, 2020 meeting of the Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia but were not signed since the meeting was held via Zoom.