

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
October 13, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Heath Schondelmayer, Travis Chambers, Geniece Granville, Tyson Begly

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Dallis Copeland, Selvin Hollingsworth, Charles Ray Sheffield

ALSO PRESENT: Meghan Richardson, Conner Miller, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, Katelin Bahten, Tracey Herring, Marcia Dunn, Deborah Kidder, Robert McKenna, Jerald Mitchell

The meeting was called to order by Heath Schondelmayer.

I. WELCOME

- A. September 1, 2022 Minutes - **Upon motion made by Travis Chambers and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting attached as "Exhibit A".**

II. FINANCES

- A. September Financial Update – Tyson Begly commented on expenses and cashflow being higher than last year. Joe Sanders mentioned Robinson Grimes will be presenting an audit review in November. **Upon motion made by Travis Chambers and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved the September 2022 Financial Reports attached as Exhibit "B".**

III. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- A. Meghan Richardson presents economic development snapshot. She reported the following items:
- Discussion on the Project Pipeline. Announced new and upcoming projects, prospect movements, and investments. Prospects being primarily in food and manufacturing. Project Carbon being under a confidential agreement and ready to move forward with the inducement resolution and project agreement.
 - Meeting with 4th Project Manufacturing Company in Atlanta to highlight Columbus. Questions fielded by Geniece Granville in regards to their specific needs for this project. Jerald Mitchell spoke on retention and establishing a good repour with the company.
 - Site development investments; Parcel 5 being ready within 60 days, and Parcel 9 being cleared by Spring of 2023. Jerald Mitchell spoke on how to better prepare for clearing these site developments and move forward faster. Discussion about State Statutory Incentive Tax Credit for Muscogee County.
 - Project Managers of Georgia visit to showcase Columbus; toured the ICF World Cup, neighborhoods of Columbus, Banks Food Hall, and the Power House.
 - Workforce Development: Conner Miller gave an update on the Hardaway Customer Service Academy, and partnerships being established with TSYS and Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. Construction Ready began their third class; 30 graduates. Better Work Columbus job shadowing opportunities to help gather personnel to get more work experience and industry partners giving advice on how to properly dress, speak,

etc. The State Technical College system began a HDCI apprenticeship program; applications being open until Oct 14. Roundtable meeting to cover the gaps and find where to focus and merge resources. Conner elaborated on being part of the College Career Academy and meeting the skill needs of the businesses. Questions fielded by the Authority in regards to the Construction Ready Program, Roundtable meetings, and how to find a more creative way to get the Workforce Ecosystem messages to the community.

IV. CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

A. No report given.

V. CHAMBER REPORT

A. Jerald Mitchell presents Chamber snapshot. He reported on the following items:

- Discussion on the mission of the chamber, organizational goals and growing the profile past the city limits of Columbus. Partnerships are beginning to be in a positive net gain and closer to reach the 500-member goal.
- Briefly discussed the 2022 major initiatives, accomplishments, and events. Highlights on Marketing Media helping plan the Annual Meeting on December 2nd, TSPLOST, Jackson Spalding Engagement, ICF World Cup Event and AFB International coming to Columbus.
- Discussion on the Safer Street Initiatives, and developing a strategic plan to stay ahead of crime, safety, and helping our law enforcement. Plans to be implemented in the first quarter on 2023.
- Fort Benning gaining a new Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Curtis Buzzard, and the name change to Fort Moore.
- ARP Grants beginning their second round and the portal reopening on October 31st. Beginning planning stages on how to stay ahead for a possible recession.
- Quick update on the governmental affairs and voting being on November 8th; Gov Brian Kemp visited Columbus, and an upcoming WRBL participating in the Warnock/Walker debate.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Nothing significant to report.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nothing significant to report.

VIII. LEGAL ISSUES

- A. Project Carbon Inducement Resolution. Upon motion by Travis Chambers, seconded by Tyson Begley, the Authority approved the Inducement Resolution and Project Agreement for Project Carbon.
- B. Path-Tec Project Agreement. Upon motion by Geniece Granville and seconded by Tyson Begly, the Authority approved the Path-Tec Project Agreement.
- C. Execution of Refinance for Cougar Village. Upon motion made by Geniece Granville and seconded by Travis Chambers, the Authority approved the Execution of the refinance documentation for Cougar Village, subject to the approval of the Authorities Counsel.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. None.

X. MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business the Authority was declared adjourned by the Chairman.



Heath Schondelmayer, Chairman



Tyson Begly, Secretary/Treasurer

