

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alfred Blackmar, D. Copeland, Geniece Granville, Selvin Hollingsworth, Heath Schondelmayer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Russ Carreker, Chris Wightman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ben Adams, Pam Hodge, Rob McKenna, Deborah Kidder, Conner Miller, Jerald Mitchell, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, Katherine Kelly

Heath Schondelmayer, Treasurer, noting that a quorum was present in person and via Zoom and proper notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of Georgia law, called the January 13, 2022 meeting to order.

**MINUTES**

**Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the December 2, 2021 meetings attached as Exhibit "A".**

**FINANCES**

- Finances December 2021 - Heath Schondelmayer reported that income was ahead of budget for the month as well as for YTD. He commented on some variances. Brian Sillitto talked about the site development on Parcel 5. **Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved the December 2021 Financial Report attached as Exhibit "B".**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

- Brian Sillitto reported there were 3 leads in December 2021 with 54 leads in 2021. He spoke about the 4 projects. He reported there were 5 prospects and 15 suspects. He spoke about the scopes of each prospect.
- Jerald Mitchell reported that he touched base with a few of our legislators who were at the Eggs and Issues yesterday morning. There will be a GEDA Legislative Luncheon at the end of the month. The Columbus Day at the Capitol will be a small dinner for our delegation. Chamber is working toward the incentive to get 6000 jobs in next 5 years. He spoke about the advantages for having large sites available for economic development. There will be a Small Business Seminar in February with a keynote speaker and breakout workshops. In third quarter will plan for a visit for site selectors and maybe have a kayaking event for them. He will be having a meeting with the Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Office for Governor Kemp. There has been and will continue to be efforts to inform the Governor, state project managers and site selectors about the assets in Columbus. He reported that a team is being form to promote TSPLOST. The Chamber will support the TSPLOST but not be the face of it. Every county in the 16-county will have at least one project. He and Brian Sillitto talked about the image of connectivity for Columbus and the facts of how much connectivity there really is.

**CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT**

Pam Hodge reported that the FY 2023 budget process has begun so Development Authority needs to submit request for any new additional funds or extension of existing funding over the millage . The

SPLOST starts April 1st. She reported that plans are underway for bonds for the purchase of the Synovus building and work for the judicial center. She reported that the ARP grant program has been released and is available on the City website. The grants are for small businesses, hospitality/tourism, and nonprofits. She spoke about the Feed The Valley Grant which will require the Authority to own the land. She reminded the Authority that there will need to be a MOU between the City and the Authority for the SPLOST funds for economic development. There are a lot of projects in Muscogee County for the TSPLOST if passed in May.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Heath Schondelmayer welcomed D Copeland who was recently appointed to the Authority.

**LEGAL ISSUES**

- Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved the application to the Board of Zoning Appeals by Tenant for Lumpkin Park Apartments for replat and easement to subdivide some property into two lots rather than one. Documents are on file.
- Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority unanimously approved the First Amendment to Path-Tec License to Use part of Parcel 2 by extending it to the end of 2022. Document is on file.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Upon motion made by Selvin Hollingsworth and seconded by Geniece Granville, the Authority meeting was adjourned.

By:   
Brian Sillitto, Assistant Secretary

Approved by:

  
Heath Schondelmayer, Acting Chair