

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
June 2, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Selvin Hollingsworth, Alfred Blackmar, Charles Sheffield, Dallis Copeland, Genice Granville, Tyson Begly

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Heath Schondelmayer

ALSO PRESENT:

Pam Hodge, Rob McKenna, Conner Miller, Jerald Mitchell, Tiffany Newsome, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, Steve Davis, Josh Beard, Deboah kinder?,

Selvin Hollingsworth, Vice Chairman, noting that a quorum was present and proper notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of Georgia law, called the June 2, 2022 meeting to order.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Genice and seconded by D. Copeland unanimously approved the minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting attached as Exhibit "A".

FINANCES

- Finances April and May 2022 – Joe Sanders commented on the revenues and expenses. He reported there were no unexpected variances. **Upon motion made by D. Copeland and seconded by Genice, the Authority unanimously approved the April and May 2022 Financial Reports attached as Exhibit "B" and "C".**

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- Tabetha Getz gave an update on Columbus 2025
- Ben gave an update on Startup Columbus

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- Meghan reported there were 29 leads, 12 projects, 9 prospects, 3 proposals, 5 locates for the month of May.
 - Leads: shows interest in the Columbus Area
 - Projects:
 - Prospects: have come for site visit, perhaps design mock-ups have occurred
 - Proposal: official proposal for the company with costs, inducements, etc
 - Locates: project is official and announced for the area
- Meghan discussed 5 announced projects, and 9 prospects.
- Meghan also shared that in April, Ownerly named Columbus as the 4th top city in the region, 9th for medium cities, and 39th overall for remote workers.
- Meghan also discussed 'Megaprojects' and what constitutes one.

CHAMBER REPORT

- Jerald Mitchell reminded the members of the Chamber goals of 6000 new jobs by 2026 and 500 new members in 5 years. He also reported on the Chambers major upcoming initiatives: Growing Membership, Columbus 2025 campaign, support of the 2022/2023 World Kayaking Cup events, and celebration of the Chamber's 175th year, Cohesive Image and Identity Project.

- May Activity included: TSPLOST, Annual Golf Tournament, ARP Grant update, City Council update, GA Department of Community Affairs Board Meeting, Calvin Smyre event, Mercer School of Medicine Grand Opening, NextStreet economic mobility study, Hub Cities Chamber Group.
- Jerald gave updates on upcoming events and governmental affairs.
- Jerald and Conner Miller provided an update on ongoing workforce development initiatives.
- Jerald provided information on the InterCity Leadership Trip – September 21st-23rd

CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

- Pam Hodge reported that due to the TSPLOST being passed the total investment in the community will now be over \$1 Billion for infrastructure.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Cargo court: currently owned by the Development Authority. The road on this court is failing and a business owner adjacent to the road has received a quote to re-do the road. Question posed is does the Development Authority want to bring the road to city standards so that the city takes over responsibility for the road? Recommended that additional information is collected before making a decision.

LEGAL ISSUES

- **Request from Woodruff Storage LLC: Utility Easment and quick claim deed to release part purchased from the bond. Charles Sheffiled recused himself from the room for this discussion and vote. Motion by D. Second by Genice, unanimously approved.**
- **Secretary Election: tabled until next meeting**
- **Assistant Secretary Election: tabled until next meeting**
- **Treasurer Election: tabled until next meeting**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Selvin proposed an executive session to discuss real estate. Motion made by Genice, and seconded by Charles. Board unanimously approved to move into executive session. Dallis made the motion to end the Executive Session, and it was seconded by Genice.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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



Heath Schondelmayer, Chairman

By:



Alfred Blackmar, Secretary/Treasurer

