

ARLINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2020

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bates, Kate	X	
Blenkle, Andy	X	
Caiazzo, Jill	X	
Denning, Tim	X	
DePalma, Lindsey	X	
Drzewiecki, Brian	X	
Dunn, Bill	X	
Kumar, Neal	X	
Merlene, Nicole	X	
Ninassi, Carlo		X
Pedowitz, Scott	X	
Poli, Frank	X	
Saint Juste, Guy (Phone)	X	
Sampaio, Flavia	X	
Schoenfeld, Mary Margaret	X	
Singh, JJ	X	
Sisk, Avril Ussery	X	
Walsh, William	X	

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chair Poli at 8:05 AM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Drzewiecki and seconded by Commissioner Pedowitz to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Chair Poli welcomed the County Manager.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- AED Director Telly Tucker gave an update on AED activities including initial COVID-19 effects related to businesses cancelling travel, a successful broker event on February 20 with 25 local brokers and tenant representatives.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- FY 2021 Arlington County Budget: Mark Schwartz, County Manager reviewed the FY 2021 budget including residential and commercial assessments, proposed staffing increases and funding priorities.
- Small Business Coordinating Council: Tara Palacios (AED BizLaunch) with Antonio Doss, District Director, The United States Small Business Administration Washington Metropolitan Area District Office; Chris Ley, Business Services Manager, Northern Virginia, Virginia's Department of Small Business Supplier Diversity (SBSD); Fikru Abebe, Managing Director ECDC Enterprise Development Group; and Eddy Campos, Loan Officer & Small Business Coach, discussed challenges and opportunities assisting small businesses including servicing small loans, offering access to capital and providing technical assistance.

4. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

- Small Business Working Group: Lyndsey DePalma/ Brian Drzewiecki – Held meeting on February 27 to begin strategy development.
- Work Force Task Force: Avril Sisk – Will bring back top 3 proposed actions in April.
- 4MRV Arts & Industry District: Mary Margaret Schoenfeld –Six scenarios are under consideration by the Working Group.
- Vision Zero External Stakeholder Group: Nicole Merlene – No Report

5. OLD BUSINESS

- None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 AM.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held 7:45 AM, April 14, 2020. A recording of the meeting may be heard by contacting the AED offices.