

ARLINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2023

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Amal, Tommy	X	
Bates, Kate	X	
Boyd, Ryaan	X	
Brewer, Janetta	X	
Cooper, Steve	X	
Dunn, Bill	X	
Fedorchak, Stephen		X
Gregorios, Nick	X	
Lynch, Catherine		X
Mansur, Sid	X	
Mason, Brad	X	
Meyyan, Praveen	X	
Osborne, Tiffany		X
Pedowitz, Scott	X	
Sampaio, Flavia	X	
Schoenfeld, Mary Margaret	X	
Sisk, Avril Ussery	X	
Tate, Jordan	X	
Virasingh, Vicky	X	
Yam, Kevin	X	

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Pedowitz to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dunn welcomed two new members to the Commission, Jordan Tate and Nick Gregorios, and allowed them to introduce themselves. He also welcomed EDC Board Liaison Takis Karantonis to the meeting.

4. AED DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Touhill thanked Chair Dunn and the EDC for their support of the AED FY24 budget requests and gave an update on the budget timeline. He then shared several departmental updates including

a recent award AED earned for its Business Appreciation Month program, a recap of his neighborhood tours and finally, an update regarding upcoming office renovations at AED that will require the EDC to meet in other locations starting in June.

5. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

- *Conversation with EDC County Board Liaison Takis Karantonis - EDC Host Bill Dunn*

County Board Liaison Karantonis provided an overview of his priorities and his support of the items in AED's budget request and workplan, including commercial market resiliency, business attraction and retention, small business and placemaking. While acknowledging the many headwinds, Karantonis highlighted the bright spots including the new university campuses, HQ2 and other major investments in National Landing, and the return of travelers. Karantonis then took questions from the Commissioners, which touched on climate change, housing, future revenue shortfalls and additional support for small business and apprenticeship programs through the County.

- *Brief Overview of SPRCs place within the County Planning Process (Marc McCauley, AED Real Estate Development Group Director) - EDC Host Kevin Yam*

McCauley gave a high-level overview of the SPRC process and where it sits in the County Planning process as additional context for recent EDC discussions around SPRCs. Discussion ensued among Commissioners about the appropriate role for EDC's within the SPRC process. Daniel Weir from the Planning Commission was present to provide commentary and Vice Chair Yam solicited interested members to register their interest in representing EDC on future SPRCs.

6. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

- Commercial Vacancy – Commissioner Pedowitz gave a brief recap of the first Commercial Vacancy meeting and invited interested Commissioners to join the next meeting.
- Workforce Taskforce – Commissioner Cooper gave a brief recap of recent workforce taskforce meetings and invited interested Commissioners to join the next meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Dunn.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held 8:00 AM, May 9, 2023.