

ARLINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 13, 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	
Oyler, Joseph	X	
Pedowitz, Scott	X	
Rosales, Karen	X	
Sampaio, Flavia	X	
Schoenfeld, Mary Margaret	X	
Sisk, Avril Ussery	X	
Sorrell, Paula	X	
Tate, Jordan		X
Van Horn, Andy	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 8:03 AM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Schoenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Rosales to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dunn welcomed two new members to the Commission, Paula Sorrell and Joseph Oyler. Chair Dunn informed the Commission that a new EDC attendance policy will be forthcoming.

4. AED DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Touhill provided an update on the AED FY24 budget including investments in small

business and business investment and the elimination of the AED Assistant Director position. He then shared several departmental updates for the month of May including Brunch & Business, Business Appreciation Month activities and SWaMmy's. Finished with an update regarding office renovations at AED and alternate meeting locations for the EDC during the summer.

5. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

- *Arlington County Legislative Update, Ilana Creinin (Legislative Liaison, Arlington County Manager's Office)*

Creinin provided the Commission with some background information on the legislative process and her timeline for developing the County's legislative package including engagement with commissions. In coming months she will solicit input from the commissions followed by a public Board meeting in November to adopt the legislative priorities.

- *Update on FOOD Study, Brett Wallace (Principal Planner, Arlington County Community Planning Housing & Development)*

Wallace presented the FOOD Study and timing of the upcoming changes. Director Touhill covered AED's planned outreach to businesses in coming months. Commissioner Fedorchak provided positive feedback and pitched the idea of grant funding for nice outdoor spaces.

- *GMU Innovation Update, Paula Sorrell (Associate Vice President - Innovation & Economic Development, George Mason University)*

Commissioner Sorrell introduced herself and her role at GMU and provided an update on everything underway at GMU and the new campus in Arlington.

6. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

Updates will be shared at the July meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business. Chair Dunn informed the Commission that there will be no August meeting.

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, July 11, 2023.