

ARLINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 14, 2023

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Amal, Tommy	X	
Bates, Kate	X	
Boyd, Ryaan	X (virtual – travel)	
Brewer, Janetta		X
Cooper, Steve	X	
Denning, Tim		X
Dunn, Bill	X	
Fedorchak, Stephen		X
Lynch, Catherine		X
Manlove, Steve	X	
Mansur, Sid		X
Mason, Brad		X
Meyyan, Praveen		X
Osborne, Tiffany	X (virtual – travel)	
Pedowitz, Scott	X	
Sampaio, Flavia	X	
Schoenfeld, Mary Margaret	X	
Sisk, Avril Ussery	X	
Smith, Larry		X
Virasingh, Vicky	X (virtual – travel)	
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 February 14, 2023, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dunn informed commissioners that he and immediate Past Chair Sisk would be presenting the Framework for Prosperity Equity Update to the County Board later this week and that he would be testifying before the Board at the upcoming AED budget work session.

4. AED DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Touhill updated the Commission on the County's recent trip to Seattle for an HQ1 study

tour and touched on the recent news that Amazon is pausing construction on Phase 2 of HQ2 (PenPlace). He noted the release of the Arlington TALENT video, BizLaunch's International Women's Day event and recognized an AED staff member who was recently honored at the White House for her work with the Jewish community.

5. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

- *Conversation with Arlington County Manager, Mark Schwartz - EDC Host Bill Dunn*

County Manager Schwartz began by thanking Director Touhill and AED staff for their resilience given all the leadership changes over the past 4-5 years. Schwartz gave an overview of the AED items in his FY24 budget including investments in BizLaunch and the proposed Arlington Innovation Fund. He also referenced the possible loss of the AED Assistant Director position given the difficult budget climate. Aside from budgetary pressures, the County continues to experience hiring challenges, particularly in the fields of police and health and human services. Schwartz then took questions and comments from the Commissioners, which touched on TOSAs, permitting, hybrid work, new ways to think about incentives and commercial market resiliency/regulatory flexibility.

- *SPRC Discussion (Continued) – Commissioner Manlove*

Commissioner Manlove has been representing the EDC on several SPRCs and is now retiring from the EDC. Commissioner Manlove stated the importance of the SPRC process in the community and the need to have an EDC representative to participate and report back to the membership. Chair Dunn invited EDC members to express interest in serving on SPRCs.

6. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

- Commercial Vacancy
- Workforce Taskforce

7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Crystal City Citizen Review Council (CCCRC) has an open seat for EDC. CCCRC monitors the implementation of the Crystal City Sector plan and is looking for an EDC representative.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Dunn.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held 8:00 AM, April 11, 2023.