

Arlington Economic Development Commission

1100 N Glebe Rd, #1500,
Arlington, VA 22201

Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Almquist, Marty	X	
Anuluoha, Nyambo	X	
Archie, James	X	
Bilich, Edward	X	
Bowen McCauley, Lucy	X	
Bushkoff, Robert	X	
DePalma, Lindsey	X	
Duran, Sally	X	
Familiant, Dori	X	
Foster, Michael	X	
Franklin, Loretta		X
Gillen, Pamela		X
Greenwald, Peter	X	
Lipman, Deborah	X	
Monroe, Bryant	X	
Norris, Jerry	X	
Pages, Erik R.		X
Poli, Frank	X	
Raines, Gregory C.	X	
Roche, Kate	X	
Stone, Nicholas	X	
Tempio, Deborah	X	
Theus, Dana	X	
Timme, Suzette J.	X	
Yeatts, Todd	X	

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chair Duran at 8:02 AM. A quorum of the membership was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Foster to approve the minutes of the December 9,, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT – Chair Duran welcomed County Manager Barbara Donnellan who, in turn, introduced AED Director Victor Hoskins. In addition, Ms. Donnellan discussed the County Board's decision to cancel the streetcar and updated Commissioners on progress since her 2013 Listening Tour.

Chair Duran also welcomed returning EDC member Frank Poli.

Chair Duran expressed to the Commission that she sees the role of the EDC this year to provide the County Board some guidance on critical issues, including Columbia Pike, Zoning and Retail (via the working groups formed in December) and use the expertise of EDC members to provide unbiased thoughtful guidance to the County Board.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Acting Director Richmond called on AED Business Investment Director Christina Winn to summarize prospect activity for CY2014.
5. BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN UPDATE – Shannon Flanagan-Watson provided an update on her experiences Arlington's Business Ombudsman including assisting over 50 business organizations and working with staff on several key business process improvements. She highlighted the following 3 top things for the EDC to know:
 - Overall, feedback continues to be very positive from businesses and others regarding this new role and the County's ramped-up efforts in this area.
 - Improved relationships with the business community including organizations such as the Chamber and BIDs.
 - We've moved the needle a little in the right direction; but there's much more work to be done to become the premier place to do business.
6. DISCUSSION: STREET CAR DEFUNDING – Commissioner Monroe lead a discussion that included summarizing elements of the fallout of the decision from the point of view of the business community and what is being done to move forward.
7. UPDATES:
 - Arlington Future of the Office Market Study -- Commissioner Greenwald reminded Commissioners that the County Board will be holding a Worksession on the study on Tuesday, January 20 from 3-5 PM.
 - Arlington Retail Plan – Commissioner Bushkoff updated the Commission about the County Board Worksession planned for January 20 from 7-9 PM. Concerned was expressed that the document under consideration did not reflect the flexibility desired by the Retail Task Force.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 AM.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held 7:45 AM, February 10, 2015. A recording of the meeting may be heard by contacting the AED offices.