

Arlington Economic Development Commission

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

Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 10, 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	
Hoskins, Victor	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 8:04 AM. A quorum of the membership was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Stone to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Chair Duran announced that the EDC has been invited to attend a joint meeting of the Information Technology Advisory Commission on Wednesday, February 18 to provide insights on the economic development benefits of the ConnectArlington project. In addition, the County Board will be considering the license agreement various for ConnectArlington at their meeting on Saturday, February 21 and the EDC and businesses will be on attendance to provide comment.
- Chair Duran also discussed her plans that the EDC will be talking with the County Board more frequently to ensure that the voice and expertise of the EDC is heard before the County Board makes decisions that affect the business community. This may require a change in structure of the EDC and its work program.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- AED Director Hoskins welcomed new Deputy County Manager Carol Mitten who oversees AED. Ms. Mitten and Mr. Hoskins made remarks economic development moving forward.

5. EDC ISSUES 2015 – Conversation among members about Issues to be addressed in 2015.
6. UPDATES:
 - EDC Letter on Streetcar Defunding – Commissioner Bilich has drafted a letter to the County Board and discussion was held about the issues raised in the business community about the defunding of the streetcar. Expressed concern about Arlington County’s lack of alternative transit and development plans when Streetcar defunding announcement was made by County Board. There is an enormous amount of uncertainty in the business community. The EDC draft letter requests a Worksession with the County Board offers to provide input into goals and our expertise about helping businesses on the Pike. A final letter will be drafted and sent to EDC members then reviewed and sent out by the Executive Committee.
 - Arlington Future of the Office Market – Held Worksession with the County Board on January 20, 2015.
 - Arlington County Retail Plan – Held Worksession with County Board on January 20, 2015. Taking feedback and will bring back to County Board in 3Q.
 - Metrics Working Group – Working Group will focus on developing practical and objective metrics for this group to use including comparing us with our peers.
 - Community Messaging – Chairman Duran will present at CIVFED meeting on March 3, 2015
 - Chair’s Business Brain Trust – Mary Hynes has formed a group of business community representatives that will meet on a quarterly basis to consider solutions for current issues.

7. OTHER BUSINESS -- None

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

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