

Arlington Economic Development Commission

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

Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2015

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Almquist, Marty	X	
Anuluoha, Nyambo	X	
Archie, James		X
Bowen McCauley, Lucy	X	
Bushkoff, Robert	X	
DePalma, Lindsey	X	
Duran, Sally	X	
Familiant, Dori	X	
Foster, Michael		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 8:06 AM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Once a quorum of the membership was present, a motion made by Commissioner Almquist to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Chair Duran thanked EDC members for their work with the Realized Rosslyn Sector plan which was adopted by the County Board in July.
- She also reminded the membership that there is a County Board hearing on September 19 for Affordable Housing Master Plan which is being considered for adoption. The EDC sent a letter earlier this summer in support of the Plan and will use that to frame comments at the hearing.
- Finally, she welcomed Mark Schwartz and County Board Member Jay Fiset.

4. CONVERSATION WITH MARK SCHWARTZ, ACTING COUNTY MANAGER

- Mr. Schwartz provided an overview of the three initiatives he is focusing on since he took the position of Acting County Manager in July: 1) the economy, specifically reducing the commercial vacancy rate and making sure that the entire County workforce understands that everything they do is focused on the economy; 2) improving how people do business with the County, including focusing on internal processes; and 3) holding monthly strategic planning and budgeting discussions between the County Board and Departments to understand future opportunities and concerns with service delivery. He then responded to questions and comments about topics including the TOT tax, Arts in Arlington, and new initiatives such as Arlington Today and One-Stop Arlington.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director Hoskins highlighted information about some of the companies AED is working with.

6. UPDATES:

- EDC Priorities and Guiding Principles Work -- AED staff Alex Iams provided an overview of the process to develop guiding principles that the EDC can use to guide its work as it considers other projects and initiatives in the County. The proposed process will involve a series of small group meetings that will be held in September and a review of the draft principles at the October EDC meeting. The goal is to have final adoption the November meeting.
- Ballston Quarter – Pamela Gillen attended several 2 in-depth SPRC meetings in July. She related that the process involves three applications: 1) an apartment building on top of the Macys home store; 2) the opening of the mall and development of a plaza; 3) the office building on top of the Macys building and the entrance of the office building on Glebe Road. AED Staff member Marc McCauley provided additional information about the concurrent process that is going on at the staff level which includes an understanding of the economics of the project and the analysis of a public private partnership.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held 7:45 AM, October 13, 2015. A recording of the meeting may be heard by contacting the AED offices.