

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
27-Jan-21				7:30	Virtual	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Note taker	Anita Patel					
Adjourned	8:45 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Phil Gaffney	Y
	Hugh Hollar	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Ron Thigpen	N	Kerry Bridges	Y	Christina Purkapile	Y
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Taylor Edwards, Anita Patel, Chris Driver, Mark Hodges, Russell Lahodny					
Meeting Agenda						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Discussion	Kerry Bridges called the meeting to order. The agenda for the January 27, 2021 meeting was approved with Item # 2 added to New Business and no need for closed session.					
Conclusions	Motion: Phil Gaffney. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
N/A			N/A		N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Discussion	The minutes of the November 18, 2020 and December 2, 2020 meetings were approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Phil Gaffney. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
DACC Financial Report						
8 minute(s)	Rick Evans					
Discussion	Rick Evans reviewed the December 2020 Financials sharing that Total Liabilities and Net Assets are: \$17.783 million. There is an \$11 million bond for White Oak Phase 2 (\$6.5 million for infrastructure and \$4.5 million for new land for Phase 2). The December reports reflects the \$25K in grants received from Georgia Power. The YTD Budget-to-Actual report shows that the DACC budget is on track for the year with 50% of the administrative budget and expenses remaining for the year. There is 74% of the economic development budget remaining due to cancellations of in person marketing events and travel.					
Conclusions	A motion was made to approve December 2020 financials as submitted. Motion: Hugh Hollar. Second: Christina Purkapile. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	

None	N/A	N/A
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Chairman's Report			
3 minute(s)	Kerry Bridges		
Discussion	Kerry Bridges thanked the DACC Board for their hard work and availability for called meetings in 2020. He thanked the staff for their hard work. Kerry also thanked Chris Driver for the immense amount of work and time he dedicated to the work moving all activity forward in 2020.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Committee Reports			
5 minute(s)	Stan Shepherd, Phil Gaffney		
Discussion	<p>Stan Shepherd shared the Property Development Committee report stating that the committee discussed updates on the White Oak Business Park, Phase 1 and Phase 2, Gate 6, the "Sites and Buildings" database, the need for a spec building and creating an RFP to get quotes for such.</p> <p>Phil Gaffney shared the Existing Business & Workforce Development Committee report sharing that Robbie shared the Regional Workforce Study. Taylor Edwards provided updates on Existing Business, there was discussion on benchmarking and metrics as well as a future regional wage survey.</p>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
18 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>Robbie Bennett shared the following:</p> <p>White Oak</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - White Oak landscaping is underway - Road infrastructure is progressing at an impressive rate - Taylor is working on the GRAD certification. There have been new changes to the application. <p>Strategic Goals 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - White Oak: landscaping, covenants, Phase 2 GRAD Application, Phase 2 Roads, Phase 1 & 2 Master Plan - SPEC Building - Gate 6 (developer received rezoning) - Plaza Phase 2 & 3 - Entrepreneurial Center <p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DACC's marketing strategy modified to meet virtual and digital needs - There have been 474,000 impressions and an 830% increase in traffic to the DACC Website - The community is very interested in the Amazon jobs and a recent post has been shared 500 times 		
Conclusions	A motion was made to approve the \$5500 for Kruhu to begin digitizing the fold-out piece and to realign brand standards and for the Business Recruitment Committee to review and approve Kruhu's final proposal. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Hugh Hollar. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	

Old Business			
4 minute(s)	Stan Shepherd		
Discussion	Stan Shepherd thanked the Executive Committee for their hard work in 2020 and presented the slate of officers for the Executive Committee for 2021.		
Conclusions	A motion was made by Stan Shepherd and the Nominating Committee to appoint the following slate of officers for the 2021 Development Authority Executive Committee: Chairman: Kerry Bridges, Vice-Chair: Christina Purkapile, Treasurer: Rick Evans, Secretary: Mark Wills. Second: Hugh Hollar. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
New Business			
18 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robbie Bennett and Chris Driver shared information on the "Notice of Termination" of the Westwood Bond Termination. 2. Robbie Bennett discussed and shared the Plat map of White Oak Business Park Phase 2 for discussion on the roads and infrastructure needs and the engineering proposal request that has been provided by Thomas and Hutton. 3. Robbie shared information on the GDOT right-of-way request for Horizon South Parkway. Robbie shared that this right of way request will not affect the Brighton sign, nor will it effect the cell tower or the driveway to the cell tower property. 		
Conclusions	<p>Motion to approve Land Use Termination for Westwood Apartment, LLC and grand the Chairman to execute all documents related to this request. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Christina Purkapile. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).</p> <p>Motion to approve the Thomas and Hutton engineering proposal in the amount of \$271,800 and to authorize staff to secure additional services including geotech boring and wetland consulting gap to \$40,000. Motion: Hugh Hollar. Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).</p> <p>Motion to approve the option agreement for Right-of-way affecting 797 Horizon South Parkway in the amount of \$13,714 between Georgia DOT and the Development Authority of Columbia County and grant the Chairman to execute all related documents. Motion: Hugh Hollar. Second: Rich Evans. Stan Shepherd abstained from the vote. Motion carries unanimously (7-0).</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Calendar of Events			
1 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	Robbie shared the 2021 Board and Committee Meeting calendar.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	

Public Comments			
4 minute(s)	Russel Lahodny, Mark Hodges		
Discussion	<p>Russell Lahodny, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce President shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Banquet is postponed to May 6, 2021 - College and Career Expo is cancelled due to the pandemic - Post-Legislative Breakfast will be May 19, 2021 at the Savannah Rapids Pavilion and the guest speaker will be General Fogarty - Chairman Adam Williams has set a goal of 1000 memberships - Inaugural "Restaurant Week" is this week - partnership with CVB <p>Mark Hodges with RD Brown Construction shared that they are busy with their project with the Columbia County Board of Education and the Greenfield Building, Pollard Corner project and have placed bids for other projects in the area.</p>		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Closed Session			
0 minute(s)	None		
Discussion			
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A		
Adjournment			8:46
Conclusions	There was a motion to adjourn the January 27, 2021 Board Meeting at 8:46 am. Motion: Phil Gaffney. Second: Rick Evans. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).		
Next meeting: February 24, 2021	Virtual	All	