

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
28-Jul-21				7:30	DACC Conference Room	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Note taker	Anita Patel					
Adjourned	8:36 a.m.					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Phil Gaffney	Y
	Hugh Hollar	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	N
	Ron Thigpen	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Christina Purkapile	Y
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Taylor Edwards, Anita Patel, Chris Driver, Mark Hodges					
Meeting Agenda						
<1 minute(s)	Chairman, Kerry Bridges					
Discussion	Kerry Bridges called the meeting to order. The agenda for the July 28, 2021 meeting was approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Hugh Hollar 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 June 23, 2021 meeting were approved.					
Conclusions	Motion: Hugh Hollar Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items				Person Responsible	Deadline	
DACC Financial Report						
3 minute(s)	Rick Evans					
Discussion	Rick Evans reviewed the June 2021 Financials sharing that Total Liabilities and Net Assets are \$15.2 million. The grant money received will be reclassified as a correction. Administrative costs for the year were over budget due to the costs incurred for the new website. The Budget to Actual report shows that all budgeted expenses are on track as this fiscal year comes to an end.					
Conclusions	A motion was made to approve the June 2021 financials as submitted with reclassification of the grant. Motion: Mark Wills. Second: Ron Thigpen. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Action Items				Person Responsible	Deadline	
None				N/A	N/A	

Chairman's Report			
<1 minute(s)	Kerry Bridges		
Discussion	Kerry Bridges shared that the chairman's report will be combined with the Executive Director's report.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Committee Reports			
3 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	Robbie Bennett shared that the Property Development committee met on May 14th, 2021. The committee received updates on White Oak, Plaza, and Gate 6. White Oak landscaping was discussed and recommendations were made to adjust planting for the conditions at White Oak.		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
40 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>Robbie Bennett shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DACC and County staff held a predevelopment meeting to discuss the roads and bid process for White Oak</li> <li>- Timer Harvest - clearing of trees, grading, silt fence/erosion prevention options were discussed</li> <li>- Master planning of Phase 2 continues</li> <li>- Marketing - over 1.7 million reaches, hoping to cross the 2 million mark soon</li> <li>- New DACC website is currently being developed, the 50-year campaign is being aligned with Columbia County magazine's article release. Hoping for the new DACC website completion in September.</li> <li>- NextSite continues diligent work, especially for the Plaza</li> <li>- An educational program is being planned for brokers and office managers for the new Sites &amp; Buildings page</li> <li>- Existing Industry - planning a mixer to for introductions as several leadership positions have changed in the C-level and plant manager positions.</li> <li>- Wage survey complete, final report due soon</li> <li>- 29 active projects - from small business to large corporations</li> <li>- White Oak road construction photos and updates shared</li> <li>- Orange 142 report presented - activity up on all social media platforms</li> <li>- Amazon jobs go live on July 30th</li> <li>- Serta - moved into Titan building with over 200,000 square feet</li> <li>- Discussion on "Amazon Effect" on employment, payrolls, etc.</li> </ul>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	

Old Business			
0 minute(s)	None		
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A
New Business			
5 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>Kerry Bridges recused himself from the discussion and Vice-Chair, Christina Purkapile, led the discussion on streetlights in the White Oak Business Park. Robbie Bennett led a discussion on the addition of 9 street lights along Innovation Parkway at a cost of \$43,043. The monthly bill for the streetlights will be \$256.73. These lights will extend along Innovation Parkway into Phase 2.</p> <p>The Destination Retail Incentive Policy was discussed in regards to the need to modify and add clarification for applicants. The following changes were proposed :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Forgivable Loan" - clarifying that this is a loan, a financing tool, and not a grant.</li> <li>- 5th qualification - demonstration that financing has been secured</li> <li>- Self-assessment chart where applicant determines if they are qualified to submit an application for the incentive</li> <li>- \$250 application fee</li> <li>- Policy to reflect that \$100,000 is not guaranteed and that loan amounts can be "up to \$100,000."</li> <li>- Performance language / metrics</li> </ul>		
Conclusions	<p>A motion was made to approve Option 2 of the Georgia Power Streetlight program with an upfront fee to be paid by the developer and a monthly cost thereafter. Motion: Mark Wills. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Hugh Hollar shared that Kerry Bridges recused himself from the discussion and vote therefore the motion passes unanimously (7-0).</p> <p>A motion was made to recommend to approve the revised Destination Retail Incentive Policy as presented and work with the attorney to revise. Motion: Kerry Bridges. Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion passes unanimously (8-0).</p>		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A
Calendar of Events			
2 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	<p>August 25th - DACC Board Meeting and Board Retreat at Savannah Rapids Pavilion</p> <p>Strategic goals for the 2nd half of 2021 presented. Kerry thanked Robbie and team for embracing the strategic goal template format.</p>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
None		N/A	N/A

Public Comments			
2 minute(s)	Mark Hodges		
Discussion	Mark Hodges shared that the bus maintenance facility is almost complete. Supply delays have caused the construction delay. They will soon begin sight work for Columbia Middle School and the electrical upgrade for the water treatment plant.		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Closed Session			
0 minute(s)	None		
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A		
Adjournment		8:36 A.M.	
Conclusions	There was a motion to adjourn the June 23, 2021 Board Meeting at 8:29 am. Motion: Jean Garniewicz. Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously (8-0).		
Next meeting: August 25, 2021	DACC	All	