

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
31-Aug-17				8:42 a.m.		DACC Conference Room
Meeting called by	Chairman, Hugh Hollar					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Hugh Hollar					
Note taker	Taylor Edwards					
Adjourned	10:00 a.m.					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Phil Gaffney	Y
	Hugh Hollar	Y	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Mike Holliman	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y		
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Taylor Edwards, Doug Duncan					
Meeting Agenda						
4 Minute(s)	Chairman, Hugh Hollar					
Discussion	Welcomed Board Member Kerry Bridges. Kerry Bridges provided an introduction to himself and GA Power. Agenda of August 2017 meeting approved. Motion: Mike Holliman, Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Conclusions	None					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
None			N/A		N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
1 Minute(s)	Chairman, Hugh Hollar					
Discussion	Minutes of July 2017 meeting were approved with no amendments. Motion: Mike Holliman, Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously. (8-0)					
Conclusions	None					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
None			N/A		N/A	
DACC Financial Report						
1 Minute(s)	Rick Evans					
Discussion	Robbie Bennett informed the Board that due to changes at the county level, the Development Authority received the financials too late to be able to present them.					
Conclusions	None					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
Prepare financials for next Board meeting			Robbie Bennett		N/A	

Chairman's Report			
1 Minute(s)	Hugh Hollar		
Discussion	Hugh Hollar indicated that the Economic Development Update will better portray the work happening behind the scenes.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Committee Reports			
12 minute(s)			
Discussion	Business Recuritment and Incentives Committee - The committee witnessed a presentation from NextSite 360, a retail development company currently partnering with GA Power. Jean Garniewicz indicated that a very thorough retail study can be finished within 60 days and that both Harlem and Grovetown expressed interest. Robbie Bennett believed the DACC should engage the communities as Harlem did seem very interested. Hugh Hollar summarized the meeting as being very interesting and well-attended.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
3 Minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	Robbie updated the board on the current and upcoming events, projects and announcements. Project activity has been up, including projects concerning growth with our existing industries. Workforce development is a widespread concern but John Deere has agreed to support the state's High Demand Career Initiative sector partnership. The grant for HDCI was submitted recently. The Development Authority hopes to announce a small project with a John Deere supplier soon. Hugh Hollar shared that some leads are coming from previous networking opportunities and that submitting information for a project is often the first step.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Old Business			
1 Minute(s)	Hugh Hollar		
Discussion	Hugh Hollar yielded to Robbie Bennett for an update regarding the Brighton sign. Robbie Bennett indicated that the Development Authority was still talking to Ivey regarding the sign. The developers want to change the sign and how they build it. Further clarification on the Brighton sign was provided for Doug Duncan.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	

New Business		
27 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett	
Discussion	<p>Harlem would like to move forward with NextSite 360 so that they can be prepared for ICSC in Atlanta. NextSite 360 has relationships with retailers outside our capabilities that can compliment ongoing development. Columbia County has 3 potential sites quoted at \$23,000.00. Robbie indicated that DACC considered NextSite before but due to high costs, it was tabled. The service is currently subsidized by GA Power. Jean Garniewicz offered support to Harlem. Rick Evans asked about NextSite 360's customer satisfaction. Robbie indicated that GA Power had done the due diligence. Current prices are as follows: Harlem is \$2500/ per year for 3 years; Grovetown is \$6500/ per year for 3 years; Martinez and Evans would each be \$8500/ per year for 3 years while Gateway is \$6500/ per year for three years. Robbie indicated that more masterplanning needed to occur in the Gateway before proceeding with that area. Mike Holliman asked if cities would split the cost and Robbie Benneett indicated Harlem would likely split costs but Grovetown needs to assess their budget. Mike Holliman indicated that the Development Authority should only pay half if the respective cities are committed. Hugh Hollar provided cost estimates for the Development Authority covering half for the cities and support for the initiative. Doug Duncan offered support by saying the success of the study is easily measured.</p> <p>Jean Garniewicz made a motion to establish a retail matching fund with SRS CRO funds. Mark Wills seconded. The motion passes unanimously (8-0).</p> <p>Mike Holliman indicated that the county should move forward with 1 site based in Columbia County jurisdiction (outside of the cities). Hugh Hollar suggested that the Board revisit Grovetown's site at the next meeting.</p> <p>Jean Garniewicz made a motion to establish a fund for the Washington Road/Belair Riad site. Mark Wills seconded. The motion passes unanimously (8-0).</p>	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	Staff	N/A
Calendar of Events		
>1 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett	
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Public Comments		
6 Minute(s)		
Discussion	<p>Stan Shepherd with the Alliance for Fort Gordon gave the following comments: The Alliance has been busy with all things Fort Gordon. President Trump announced that cyber will stand alone at combatant defense and have a 4 star General. AFCEA Technet was well-attended. There is a pitch competition at the ClubHou.se. There are ongoing concerns with the demand for construction workers. Mike Holliman asked if issues at Vogle will free up labor. Kerry Bridges indicated that GA Power filed to continue the project for 6 months until the Public Service Commission decides what to do.</p>	
Conclusion	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A

<b>Closed Session</b>		
38 minute(s)		
Discussion	A motion was made to go into Closed Session. Motion: Jean Garniewicz, Second: Mike Holliman. Motion passed unanimously (8-0). A motion was made to come out of Closed Session. Motion: Jean Garniewicz, Second: Jean Mike Holliman. Motion passed unanimously (8-0).	
Conclusions	A real estate matter was discussed. No action was taken.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>	
Next meeting: September 27, 2017	DACC Conference Room	All