

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
January 24, 2024			7:30 AM		DACC Conference Room	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans - called the meeting to order at 7:30.					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Note taker	Linda M Peplau					
Adjourned	8:36 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Sanjeev Singhal	Not present
	Jim Cox	Not present	Jean Garniewicz	Y	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Mark Herbert	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Ben Stapleton	Y
Staff/Guests	Anita Patel, Linda Peplau, Dr. Steve Flynt, Dr. Tom Clark & Chris Driver.					
Meeting Agenda						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the January 24, 2024, DACC Board meeting and the minutes for the December 20, 2023, DACC Board meeting. Motion: Mark Herbert 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)					
Conclusions	Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)					
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	See above.					
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Herbert 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
New Board Member introduction						
4 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Introduction	<p>Chairman Rick Evans, introduces Ben Stapleton as DACC's newest board member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Stapleton shares some background about himself: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Director of Operations at A-Gas in the Americas (supplier, recycler & managing company of refrigerant chemicals). ○ Married to his school sweetheart for 15 years and shares 3 children with her. ○ Raised in Evans & Graduated from Evans High School. ○ Worked for Pepsi Co. before joining A-Gas in the Americas. • All attendees gave Ben Stapleton a one by one, short introduction, as requested by Chairman Rick Evans. 					
DACC Financial Report						
5 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman, Rick Evans presented the December 2023 Financial reports to the board and points out the below lines items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on Total Assets line - Bond Debt - Conversation with County Manager, Scott Johnson regarding future costs. ○ Bond Debt - May 2024 bond payment will be interest only. ○ Page 3, titled "IRB Annual Fee" - Invoices were mailed out with 1 paid already & 2 outstanding. ○ Page 7 & 8 = remaining budget updates. <p>Chairman, Rick Evans called for a motion to accept & approve the December 2023 Financials. Motion: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously (7-0)</p>					
Conclusions	Motion: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously (7-0)					

Chairman's Report	
29 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans
Discussion	<p>Chairman Rick Evans shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street lightings at White Oak updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Per Kerry Bridges' past recommendation for current cost savings & good stewardship - DACC obtained a new quote for only 15 street lights, to light up the straightaway in front of the Amazon building for the time being. ○ White Oak - Monthly lease for lights need to be addressed. • * Chairman Rick Evans presents the quote from Georgia Power (15 street light for 84,200.00) & calls a motion for approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kerry Bridges notes that he will abstain from the vote for the 15 street lights from Georgia Power (84,402.00). * • **Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously (6-0) • Landscaping at White Oak updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shared details regarding the meeting with Yellowstone reps., at White Oak on 01.11.2024. ○ Shared photos of proposed landscape with quotes on a redesign plan for Phase I & a new design plan for Phase II from YS. ○ Updates on the meeting with Zoning, regarding the Tree Ordinance = every 60 feet /total 237 trees for Phase II. ○ Tree costs = 300.00/2in. diameter. ○ Compliance window for tree planting = 2 year. ○ Chairman Rick Evans proposes to defer assessing tree planting for a later time, after more infrastructure progress. ○ Mark Herbert suggests ensuring the irrigation system gets reset according the weather and getting more bids from different landscape companies. ○ Chairman Rick Evans mentions, choosing Yellow Stone since they do the monthly maintenance & county landscapers are too busy to service White Oak. • Club Car Equipment Bond request updates (Bld. 2 @ White Oak): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairman Rick Evans gives details or the request, considerations, tax abatements, legal council's recommendations and end decision. ○ Bond deal = \$8,615,090.00 for 10 years. • Chairman Rick Evans calls a motion to approve the Club Car Bond deal of \$8,615,090.00 for 10 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • **Motion: Stan Shepherd, with a stipulation that the deal does not include the Board of Education and that Chairman, Rick Evans can approve the final bond. 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously. (7-0) • Discussion on the current DACC board chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mark Will recommends that for stability, after today's meeting, the board chairs stay the same for now and a minimum of 6 months after a new Executive Director is hired. • Chairman Rick Evans calls a motion to approve, that after today's meeting, the board chairs stay the same for now and a minimum of 6 months after a new Executive Director is hired. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ** Motion: Mark Wills 2nd: Kerry Bridges Motion carries unanimously. (7-0) • Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to assign & approve a new treasurer (former treasurer's term expired on 12/2023). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jean Garniewicz, nominates Mark Wills as the new treasurer. ○ Mark Wills accepts the nomination for treasurer. • ** Motion to approve treasurer: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously. (7-0) • Sign Ordinance updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need uniformity for current and new tenants with a variance application requirement if signs differ from ordinance. ○ DACC Board has already approved the current sign ordinance- must get final approval by Board of Commissioners. • Masters Week update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ House Rental = The Executive Committee jointly agreed to reserve the same rental house as last year with a 1000.00 increase. The house is in proximity to a lot of business for convenience. ○ February 02, 2024 - Chamber meeting to gather allotments & cost details. • Website Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting to hire an Executive Director to decide how to best use the 22K credit from Kruhu, Inc. for a website revamp.
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to approve the Georgia Power bid for 15 street light @ 84,200.00. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously (6-0) • Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to approve the Club Car Bond deal of \$8,615,090.00 for 10 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Stan Shepherd with a stipulation that the deal does not include the Board of Education and that Chairman, Rick Evans can approve the final bond. 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously. (7-0) • Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to approve, that after today's meeting, the board chairs stay the same for now and a minimum of 6 months after a new Executive Director is hired. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Mark Wills 2nd: Kerry Bridges Motion carries unanimously. (7-0) • Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion approve Mark Wills as treasurer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)

DACC Committee Reports	
6 minute(s)	Mark Wills & Jean Garniewicz
Discussion	<p>Mark Wills shared the following for Property Development Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Oak landscaping - Yellow Stone landscaping's ideas and costs. • Street lighting @ White Oak - new quotes, ideas and costs. • Master signage @ White Oak- plan for uniformity & ordinance compliance. • Updates on discussion regarding childcare & workforce (ongoing important community topics). <p>Jean Garniewicz shared the following for Existing Business Development & Workforce Development Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kudos to Kerry Bridges for his help on the Street lightings at White Oak. He helped with the decisions and cost savings. • Jean Garniewicz reports that all the topics covered in the last Existing Business meeting were already covered by Rick Evans in the Chairman's Report.
Economic Development Update	
5 minute(s)	Anita Patel
Discussion	<p>Anita Patel shared the following Economic Development Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Oak road construction is progressing well (shared photos). • Once a new Executive Director is hired, Thomas & Hutton has graciously agreed to meet for a historical construction recap of White Oak and any other projects that will help with their transition progress. • Pre-construction meeting with Blair Construction for the lift station, scheduled on 01.30.2024. • Landscape @ White Oak updates - showed photos and proposed plans from Yellow Stone. • Retail - shared information on the new hardware store/ pickle ball court facility in Evans. • Childcare - local delegation discussing with State on how to support as Cares Act funding ends. • Platinum Equity - the global investment that bought Club Car in 2021 has acquired Augusta Sportswear Brands. • Shared thoughts on the need for more retail around White Oak and the nearing exits- the area is a desert for food & gas.
Public Comments	
10 minute(s)	Dr. Steve Flynt & Dr. Tom Clark
Discussion	<p>Dr. Tom Clark shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of a study on the economic impact Fort Eisenhower has on the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Directly impacts the whole community (local retailers, health care, real estate, financial services providers & food services). ◦ When combining personnel, operations and construction, total output reach = \$5.8 billion. ◦ \$3.9 billion in total gross regional product impact. ◦ 5 year gross regional product impact of 20.1% (2018 - 2022). ◦ Direct job impact of 28,813 for the installation's operations. <p>Dr. Steven Flynt shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JA Discovery Center fundraiser details @ Top Golf (teams & individuals) on March 4th, 2024. • CC budget updates - Columbia County has planned well with the upcoming expiration of the Cares Act. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$7 million decrease (Cares Act expiration impact). ◦ Georgia may see a lot of layoffs due to the approaching end of the Cares Act funding. ◦ Columbia County will be shifting only 20 positions due to the end of the Cares Act funding. • School construction progress updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Lakeside school - approval & site ready updates. ◦ Westmont Elementary - opening in August 2024. ◦ Evans - approximately 4 months behind do to infrastructure needs. ◦ West Columbia - coming along. <p>Mark Will, gives Dr. Flynt kudos for Columbia County School's high ranking.</p> <p>Chairman Rick Evans shares in celebrating our county's achievements and says, "continue to move forward, without our school's high rankings, it would be much harder to find businesses to invest in our community."</p> <p>Stan Shepherd shares more details about the school fundraising event on March 4th (good exposure to the foundations & sponsors).</p> <p>Chairman Rick Evans shares:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today (01.24.2024), he & Stan Shepherd will take part in the Leadership Columbia County Executive forum 2024 -"to explain what we do and why we are here." • Shares that DACC's committee structures will stay the same for the time being.

Calendar of Events		
1 minute(s)	Rick Evans	
Discussion	January 24, 2024 - Leadership Columbia County Executive forum 2024 February 07, 2024 - Business Recruitment & Incentives Program Committee February 21, 2024 - Executive Committee Meeting February 28, 2024 - DACC Board Meeting @ The JA Discovery Center - Tour of the center @7am - meeting at 7:30 am	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Closed Session		
4 minute(s)	Rick Evans	
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a Motion to enter into closed session: Motion: Stan Shepherd 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously (7-0) Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a Motion to exit closed session: Motion: Stan Shepherd 2nd: Jean Garniewicz Motion carries unanimously (7-0)	
Conclusions	Chris Driver reports: A personnel matter was discussed. No action was taken.	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Adjournment		8:36
Conclusions	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for motion to adjourn the January 24, 2024, Board Meeting at 8:36 am Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously (7-0)	
Next meeting: February 28, 2024 – The JA Discovery Center	DACC	All