

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
February 28, 2024			7:30 AM		JA Discover Center	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Rick Evans - called the meeting to order @ 7:30					
Type of meeting	Board Meeting					
Facilitator	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Note taker	Linda Peplau					
Adjourned	8:34 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	Y	Rick Evans	Y	Sanjeev Singhal	Y
	Jim Cox	Y	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					
Meeting Agenda						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the February 28, 2024, DACC Board meeting and the minutes for the January 24th & February 16th, 2024, DACC Board meetings. Motion: Mark Herbert 2nd: Kerry Bridges Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Herbert 2nd: Kerry Bridges Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
N/A	N/A		N/A			
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
1 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	See above.					
Conclusions	Motion: Mark Herbert 2nd: Kerry Bridges Motion carries unanimously. (9-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
Financials						
10 minute(s)	Treasurer, Mark Wills					
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer Mark Wills shared the following updates on the financials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adjustments to the Personnel line item due to the transition of employee resignations & hiring. ○ Summary on the County Appropriations line item on page 3 of the financials. ○ Summary on website maintenance expenditures. ○ Interest revenue update on page 6 of the financials. ○ Progress update on efforts to reach 50% total revenue, almost at goal, currently at 44% (page 7). ○ House rental costs for Showcase/ Master's week. ○ Summary on page 8, Salaries & Wages line item, at 80% due to low staffing. • Kerry Bridges gets confirmation that we are able to reallocate funds where needed (for White Oak upkeep). • Chairman, Rick Evans shares the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2023 & 2024 budget approval updates. ○ Shares that expenditures will increase during March & April due to Master's. ○ Update on bond payments received to date (page 2). ○ Update on landscaping bids from YellowStone. <p>Chairman, Rick Evans called for a motion to accept & approve the January 2024 Financials. Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Jim Cox Motion carries unanimously (9-0)</p>					
Conclusions	Motion: Jean Garniewicz 2nd: Jim Cox Motion carries unanimously (9-0)					
Action Items	Person Responsible		Deadline			
None	N/A		N/A			

Chairman's Report			
5 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	<p>Chairman, Rick Evans shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director hiring update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tim Chason thanks the Development Authority Columbia County for entrusting him with the hiring process. ○ The approval to hire Cheney Eldridge as DACC's ED, went through successfully at the county board meeting. ○ Vice Chairman, Stan Shepherd reports that he recently hosted Mrs. Eldridge at some chamber events. • Discussion on the busy month with a new ED (Cheney Eldridge) and a new board member (Ben Stapleton). • Discussion on the ribbon cutting event for The Premier apartments and the new opportunities it will bring. • SRSCRO updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recap on the SRSCRO funds that were approved by our application, funds are not yet distributed. ○ Discussion to appoint a DACC representative for the SRSCRO board. <p>** Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to appoint Cheney Eldridge for the SRSCRO board. Motion: Mark Wills 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously (9-0)</p>		
Conclusions	<p>Motion to appoint Cheney Eldridge to sit on the board of SRSCRO. Motion: Mark Wills 2nd: Stan Shepherd Motion carries unanimously (9-0)</p>		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None		N/A	N/A
DACC Committee Reports			
7 minute(s)	Jim Cox for Business Recruitment & Incentive Program Committee		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Cox shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcomed Ben Stapleton to the Business Recruitment & Incentive Program Committee. ○ Discussion on the Military Zone changes. ○ Committee task/goal setting for benchmarking achievements, list incentive packages & target businesses. ○ Discussion on Website updates, web search terms for higher search ranking & listing. ○ Master Plan & Strategic Plan collaboration ideas for DACC's new Executive Director, Cheney Eldridge. 		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Economic Development Update			
18 minute(s)	Anita Patel		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Patel shares the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting with Nathan McDonald (Water Utility Services). ○ Updates on Phase 2 roads work - Lift Station, Fiber, Streetlights (GA Power/ 12 to 15 street lights). ○ Shares that Thomas & Hutton, GA Power, Water Utilities and DACC coordinating all meetings with utilities & Blair Construction as pipe/lift station work begins. ○ Kerry Bridges suggests contacting Matt Schlachter with the county to review initial street light costs from county lighting fund. ○ Thomas & Hutton & CC Water Utilities will meet with the new Executive Director for a project summary. ○ Master sign plan to be submitted for rezoning, needs signatures from all tenants currently at White Oak. ○ Discussion on sign variance. ○ Population numbers are up for good future prospects. ○ Business applications are holding steady at 40 to 50 a month. ○ JA Center updates. ○ CTAE- community effort on educating parents regarding trade school education. ○ Showcase guest list update, to be continued with new ED. • Kerry Bridges & Sanjeev Singhal suggest a hand out with dynamic QR codes for showcase guests. • Jim Cox shares his future vision for White Oak & examples of possible future prospects. 		
Conclusions	None		
None		N/A	

Old Business		
0 minute(s)	None	
Discussion	None	
New Business		
0 minute(s)		
Discussion		
Conclusions		
Public Comments		
18 minute(s)	Dr. Tom Clark & Dr. Steve Flynt	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Tom Clark reports the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Shares a printout of the results of a study on the economic impact Fort Eisenhower has on the region. • Stan Shepherd shares an update on the progress of House Bill 880 (Interchange Spousal Licenses Bill). The bill will allow military spouses to transfer existing professional licenses during future military moves. This change will greatly improve the workforce in our community, while supporting existing talent by making the transition to work in the surround Fort Eisenhower areas easier. • Kerry Bridges suggests supporting House Bill 880 by letter of support if approval is obtained to do so. <p>Dr. Steven Flynt shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomes all to the JA Discovery Center. • JA Discovery Center of the SCRA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Richmond & Columbia county's 6th & 7th graders will go through the JA Center's interactive curriculum. ◦ Financial literacy curriculum for K-12 grade. ◦ A one year long course on personal finance for 11th & 12th graders. ◦ Kindergarten through 5th grade curriculum. ◦ The center is financially backed by store front businesses, partners, sponsors, and volunteers. ◦ 7 employees. ◦ JA Discovery Center fundraiser details @ Top Golf (teams & individuals) on March 4th, 2024. • Ben Stapleton shares his first-hand experience as a volunteer at the JA Center. 	
Calendar of Events		
1 minute(s)	Rick Evans	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 8, 2024 – Property Development Committee • March 8, 2024 – Existing Business & Workforce Dev. Committee • March 20, 2024 – Executive Committee • March 27, 2024 – Board Meeting 	
Closed Session		
0 minute(s)		
Discussion		
Conclusions		
Adjournment		8:34 AM
Conclusions	Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to adjourn the February 28, 2024 Board Meeting at 8:34 am. Motedioned: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Mark Wills Motion carries unanimously (9-0).	
Next meeting: March 27, 2024	DACC	All



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Board Meeting

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SIGN-IN LOG

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Company</u>
Rick Evans		DACC Board
Stan Shepherd		DACC Board
Mark Wills		DACC Board
Jean Garniewicz		DACC Board
Kerry Bridges		DACC Board
Mark Herbert		DACC Board
Sanjeev Singhal		DACC Board
Jim Cox		DACC Board
Ben Stapleton		DACC Board
Chris Driver	X	Legal
Anita Patel		DACC Staff
Linda Peplau		DACC Staff
Steve Flunt		CCBOE
Tom Clark		Alliance