



DACC Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee		
March 8, 2024		8:40 AM
DACC Conference Room		
Meeting called by	Jean Garniewicz - called the meeting to order at 8:40	
Type of meeting	Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee	
Facilitator	Jean Garniewicz	
Note taker	Linda Peplau	
Adjourned	9:40 AM	
Attendees	Jean Garniewicz, Kerry Bridges, Rick Evans	
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Anita Patel & Linda Peplau	
Meeting Agenda		
1 minute(s)	Jean Garniewicz	
Discussion	Jean Garniewicz called for a motion to jointly approve the Agenda for the March 08, 2024, Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee meeting & the minutes for the January 12, 2024, Existing Business and Workforce Development Committee meeting. Motion: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Rick Evans The motion passed unanimously (3-0).	
Conclusions	Motion: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Rick Evans The motion passed unanimously (3-0).	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Minutes of Previous Meeting		
0 minute(s)	Jean Garniewicz	
Discussion	See above.	
Conclusions	Motion: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Rick Evans The motion passed unanimously (3-0).	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Opening Comments		
1 Minute(s)	Jean Garniewicz	
Discussion	Jean Garniewicz, welcomes Cheney Eldridge as DACC's new Executive Director.	
Old Business		
Minute(s)		
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A



New Business		
42 minute(s)	Jean Garniewicz	
Discussion	<p>Jean Garniewicz shares the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing Business & Workforce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evans Town Center progress, i.e., food trucks, new apartments & farmer's market. ○ Reports of a recent childcare center closure in Grovetown. ○ Discussion on Military Zone expansion & benefits (3,500.00 Tax Credit per job/ threshold = 2 jobs) ○ Kerry Bridges shares information on HB-880 (Interchange Spousal Licenses Bill). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Will allow military spouses to transfer existing professional licenses during future military moves. * Military spouses have been an untapped workforce that will now be able to be utilized in GA. * HBill-880 coupled with military retirement tax exemptions will greatly help our existing work force. * Military tax exemptions = 17,500.00/62 yrs. of age & under, 35,000.000 for 62 to 64 yrs. of age & 65,000.00 for 65 and older). • Vision for White Oak: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cheney Eldridge shares thought on the possibility of a child care center @ White Oak. ○ Kerry Bridges adds to Cheney's childcare vision at WOak, with retail shops & laundromat. • Discussion for potential retailer off of I-20, exit 183. • Discussion on benefits regarding recent county study to incorporate Columbia County. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benefits = grant qualifications & franchise/ right of way fees. ○ Untapped revenue that can be explored for the 6th largest county in GA (Columbia Co.). • Cheney Eldridge shares the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accepts Jean Garniewicz's counsel to build a list of existing industries to visit, allowing her to introduce herself and build relationships to foster trust & support to our community. ○ Plans to meet with all county commissioners to build strong stakeholder relationships. ○ Plans to meet with each of DACC's committee members individually to synergize. ○ Accepts Rick Evan's request to build a potential Project Manager list to call on. 	
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
Updates		
17 minute(s)	Cheney Eldridge & Anita Patel	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Oak updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Signage = Club Car has applied for their directional signage permit. ○ Master Signage Plan = requiring all tenants to sign once complete. ○ Covenant Agreement will be requested & obtained from Chris Driver. ○ Cheney reports she will be meeting with T&H for a White Oak overview (03.12.2024 @11 A.M.). ○ Update by Kerry Bridges on street lighting (12 poles), water lines & road construction. ○ Anita shares that she will be getting a 2nd bid from Four Seasons Landscape Mgmts. Inc., for tree replacement & new tree planting consult. 	
Conclusions		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline
Calling Chris Driver for Covenant Agreement for WOak.	Anita Patel	N/A
Adjournment	9:40 AM	
Conclusions	<p>Jean Garniewicz called for a motion to adjourn: Motion: Kerry Bridges - Second: Rick Evans. The motion passed unanimously (3-0)</p>	
Next meeting: May 10, 2024	Development Authority Conference Room	



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBIA COUNTY
Existing Business Development & Workforce Development
Committee Meeting
March 08, 2024

SIGN-IN LOG

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Company</u>
Jean Garniewicz		DACC Board
Rick Evans		DACC Board
Kerry Bridges		DACC Board
Cheney Eldridge	✓ WAS present	Executive Director
Anita Patel		DACC Staff
Linda Peplau		DACC Staff
Chris Driver	X	Legal