

DACC Board Meeting Minutes						
April 24, 2024			7:30 AM		DACC Conference Room	
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	8:43 AM					
Board Attendance	Mark Wills	NOT PRESENT	Rick Evans	Y	Sanjeev Singhal	Y
	Jim Cox	Y	Jean Garniewi	NOT PRESE	Stan Shepherd	Y
	Mark Herbert	Y	Kerry Bridges	Y	Ben Stapleton	Y
Staff/Guests	Cheney Eldridge, Anita Patel, Linda Peplau, Dr. Steven Flynt					
Meeting Agenda						
3 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to jointly approve the agenda for the April 24, 2024, DACC Board meeting and the minutes for the March 27th, DACC Board meeting with a 1 word correction ( <b>wayfinding</b> signage). Motion: Jim Cox 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)					
Conclusions	Motion: Jim Cox 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
N/A			N/A		N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting						
0 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	See above.					
Conclusions	Motion: Jim Cox 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously. (7-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
Financials						
5 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans					
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairman, Rick Evans shared the following updates on the financials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Page 2, Balance sheet report on assets, receivables, &amp; bond debt.</li> <li>Page 3 &amp; 4, end of March report &amp; status.</li> <li>Page 5, highlights the SRS CRO funds received in March by submitting past qualified expenditures.</li> <li>Page 7 &amp; 8, reports on budget remaining with Masters significantly impacting these numbers next month.</li> <li>Page, 8, Development Class @ 24%</li> <li>Reports that we are under budget and well on target.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Chairman, Rick Evans called for a motion to accept &amp; approve the March 2024 Financials. Motion: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously (7-0)</p>					
Conclusions	Chairman, Rick Evans called for a motion to accept & approve the March 2024 Financials. Motion: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously (7-0)					
Action Items			Person Responsible		Deadline	
None			N/A		N/A	

Chairman's Report			
6 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairman, Rick Evans shared the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reports on the meeting with County Manager, Scott Johnson &amp; Leanne Reece (Internal Services) regarding road improvements &amp; the agreement of allowing the county manage future bond payments.</li> <li>○ Thanks the DACC staff for all their work during Masters week.</li> <li>○ Shared a Masters week report from his observation.</li> <li>○ Update on the 1st Executive Director &amp; Commissioner meeting with Commissioner Connie Melear.</li> <li>○ Shared success of Club Car's ribbon cutting event on Thursday, April 18,2024.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
DACC Committee Reports			
9 minute(s)	Jim Cox - Business Recruitment & Incentive Program Committee		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Cox shared &amp; updated on the following committee meeting topics:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion on the new hospital &amp; physician recruitment.</li> <li>○ Functionality/purpose of our committee system.</li> <li>○ Objectives for Commissioner meeting with ED, Cheney Eldridge.</li> <li>○ Law enforced data report/crime data for new business recruitment.</li> <li>○ Discussion/updates on Smokeshow Southern Style Bbq.</li> <li>○ Redevelopment projects.</li> <li>○ Ideas for next year's Masters week.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ben Stapleton shared &amp; updated on the following committee meeting topics:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ His vision for the progression of Harlem and his past efforts to move it forward with the rich potential it has.</li> <li>○ Potential donation of a property.</li> <li>○ References Harlem's library as a progressive success story. It is now a community gathering place.</li> <li>○ Property for sale in Harlem for future growth.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mark Herbert shares that Thomson, GA's water tap fees are 3xs higher than surrounding counties.</li> </ul>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Economic Development Update			
12 minute(s)	Cheney Eldridge & Anita Patel		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thanks her staff for their work during Masters week.</li> <li>○ Update on Masters week successes, new prospects &amp; guest list (project managers, site selectors &amp; prospects).</li> <li>○ White Oak updates:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shared details regarding speaking to Amazon's representatives about the Water Utility easement construction.</li> <li>- Water line construction update.</li> <li>- Discussion regarding sign easement from curb to road @ White Oak.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Reports that the Project Manager position has been posted.</li> <li>○ Reports that she &amp; Cal Wray of AEDA, will give an Economic Development update for the region at the Augusta Tech's President's Leadership Institute forum.</li> </ul>		

Old Business	
Discussion	None
Conclusions	None
New Business	
Discussion	None
Conclusions	None
Public Comments	
15 minute(s)	Dr. Steve Flynt
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Steve Flynt shares the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Last night's (04.23.2024) board meeting included next year's budget.</li> <li>○ Efforts to raise pay for educators is their objective. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- State increased pay was 2,500.00</li> <li>- BOE wishes to add 500.00 to the pay increase, bringing the teacher starting salary to 50,000.00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Shares about teacher shortage in the state.</li> <li>○ School construction &amp; grand openings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Westmont Elementary - opens in August 2024.</li> <li>- The impact of construction supply delays (still an issue but improving).</li> <li>- North Columbia Elementary School is planned to open in August of 2025.</li> <li>- Lakeside High School is currently under construction.</li> <li>- Still working on plans for Evans High School's construction.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Graduation &amp; BOE election updates &amp; dates.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Kerry Bridges shares the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Georgia Power's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Georgia Power filed an amendment to their IRP for additional megawatts (MW) due to unprecedented growth rate in the state. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The amendment adds 6,600 MW of generation resources to 2022's IRP generation total of 16,000 MW.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Vogtle Unit 3 is in operations and functioning better than anticipated.</li> <li>○ Georgia Power has signed a PPA to buy power (MW) from a natural gas plant owned by Mississippi Power Co. to support growth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Georgia will be leading in battery storage, thanks to Georgia Power's new lithium-ion battery storage facility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Stan Shepherd shared shares the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Tom Clark is presently at the Georgia State Capital for the signing of HB-880 (Interchange Spousal Licenses Bill).</li> <li>○ Shares details of The Alliance for Fort Eisenhower, hosting of the Military of Defense Commission.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li></ul>
None	N/A
	N/A

Calendar of Events		
0 minute(s)	Linda Peplau	
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 15, 2024– Executive Committee</li> <li>• May 22, 2024 – Board Meeting</li> </ul>	
Closed Session		
22 minute(s)	Chairman, Rick Evans	
Discussion	<p>Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to enter into closed session.            Motion: Stan Shepherd 2nd: Jim Cox Motion carries unanimously (7-0)</p> <p>Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to exit closed session.            Motion: Kerry Bridges 2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously (7-0)</p>	
Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1 property matters was discussed during closed session.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Chairman, Rick Evans calls for a motion to approve, that once The Development Authority of Columbia County acquires the approximately 3.001 acres (parcel #072552A) located at The Plaza by transfer of a signed IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement), the 3.001 acres will then be sold to Green Jacket Ventures L.L.C for 1.00, subject to terms of the PSA (Purchase Sales Agreement) &amp; conditions of the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement).</b></p> <p><b>Motion: Jim Cox made a motion to agree to sell the approximately 3.001 acres located at the Plaza to Green Jacket Ventures L.L.C for \$1.00, subject to terms of the Purchase Sales Agreement &amp; conditions of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the County. Chairman Evans to have the authority to negotiate terms other than the property sold or value paid.</b></p> <p><b>2nd: Mark Herbert Motion carries unanimously (7-0)</b></p>	
Adjournment		8:43 AM
Conclusions	<p>Chairman Rick Evans calls for a motion to adjourn the April 24, 2024 Board Meeting at 8:43 am.            Motioned: Jim Cox 2nd: Kerry Bridges Motion carries unanimously (7-0).</p>	
Next meeting: May 22, 2024	DACC	All