



DACC Board Meeting Minutes			
01.27.16		7:33 a.m.	
		DACC Conference Room	
Meeting called by	Chairman, Mark Wills		
Type of meeting	Board Meeting		
Facilitator	Chairman, Mark Wills		
Note taker	Ashley Swain		
Adjourned	8:58 p.m.		
Board Attendance	Mark Wills <input type="checkbox"/> Y Hugh Hollar <input type="checkbox"/> Y Mike Holliman <input type="checkbox"/> Y	Rick Evans <input type="checkbox"/> Y Jean Garniewicz <input type="checkbox"/> Y Eric McIntyre <input type="checkbox"/> N	Phil Gaffney <input type="checkbox"/> Y Stan Shepherd <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Staff/Guests	Robbie Bennett, Ashley Swain, Chris Driver, Ron Cross, Thom Tuckey, Andrew Strickland, Gary Richardson, ,Mike Rorick		
Meeting Agenda			
1 minute(s)			
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	Agenda of January meeting approved. Motion: Jean Garniewicz /Second: Phil Gaffney		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
Minutes of Previous Meeting			
1 minute(s)			
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	Minutes of December meeting were approved. Motion: Jean Garniewicz /Second: Phil Gaffney		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
DACC Financial Report			
4 Minute(s)			
Discussion	<p>From Statement of Net Assets – October 31, 2015, Current Assets are \$1,017,568.68, and Total Liabilities of \$77.21 for a balance in Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets of \$1,017,568.68</p> <p>From Statement of Net Assets – November 30, 2015, Current Assets are \$1,018,180.69, Accounts Receivable is \$5,000.00, and Total Liabilities of \$4,603.81 for a balance in Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets of \$1,023,180.69</p>		

Conclusions	Financial Reports from October and November were approved. Motion: Jean Garniewicz/ Second: Hugh Hollar. Motion carries unanimously.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>Chairman's Report</b>			
0 Minute(s)	Mark Wills		
Discussion	No Report.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>DACC Committee Reports</b>			
3 minute(s)			
Discussion	Property Committee- Hugh Hollar reported to the board that the Property Committee discussed the completed hotel study, and Robbie Bennett updated the committee on the Status of marketing the Quad Graphics building.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>Economic Development Update</b>			
3 Minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	Robbie Bennett reported that our website traffic continues to stay strong. He also stated that McDuffie and Richmond County have moved to Tier 1 status making Columbia county the only county not a Tier 1 in the region.		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>Old Business</b>			
0 Minute(s)	Robbie Bennett		
Discussion	None		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	

None	N/A	N/A
<b>New Business</b>		
24 minute(s)	Robbie Bennett	
Discussion	<p>a.) Film Columbia County- Robbie informed the board that the idea of Film Columbia County a brand in collaboration with the County, CVB and Development Authority that would market Columbia County as a film destination. However, and MOU would need to be approved to move forward.</p> <p>b.) Economic Development Strategic Plan- Robbie Bennett led a discussion on the need for an economic development strategic plan which can help our organization identify strengths and weaknesses and target industries.</p> <p>c.) Nominations- Mark Wills provided an update from the Nominating Committee with the recommendation from the committee of the following officers: Hugh Hollar, chair; Mike Holliman, Vice Chair; Rick Evans, Treasurer; Mark Wills, Secretary/Past Chair.</p>	
Conclusions	<p>The MOU between Columbia County, the Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Development Authority for Film Columbia County was approved with the amendment of the date <b>to</b>. Motion: Jean Garniewicz / Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously.</p> <p>The board approved the release of an Economic Development Strategic Plan RFP. Motion: Hugh Hollar/Second: Jean Garniewicz. Motion carries unanimously.</p> <p>The slate of officers presented was approved. Motion: came in the form of a recommendation from the Nominating Committee/Second: Phil Gaffney. Motion carries unanimously.</p>	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
<b>Calendar of Events</b>		
0 minute(s)	Mark Wills	
Discussion	None	
Conclusions	None	
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
None	N/A	N/A
<b>Public Comment</b>		
35 minute(s)		

Discussion	<p>Ron Cross- Stated that the main issue right now is how to handle zoning in preparation for all the growth. Also mentioned that the Live stream will feature the new zoning app and that after the next commission meeting we should have a new deputy administrator.</p> <p>Gary Richardson- Mentioned that the new zoning app will be a great aid to help citizens stay up to date on zoning requests.</p> <p>Thom Tuckey- Gave an update on the Gordon Highway widening project and the CSRA Alliance strategic planning process. They want to address how to attract a high tech workforce to the area. He also stated that he will be stepping down the beginning of April.</p> <p>Mike Rorick- Asked how Urban Outfitters was doing. He also inquired about the possibility of getting an inland port to our area.</p> <p>Andrew Stickland- Updated on the Comprehensive Plan and that it should be adopted by the end of February. He also gave an update on the Euchee Creek Greenway.</p>		
Conclusions	None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>Closed Session</b>			
14 Minute(s)	Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss one real estate matter by Jean Garniewicz/ Second: Mark Wills. Motion carries (5-0)		
Discussion	One Real estate Matter was discussed. No action was taken. Motion to return to regular session made by Phil Gaffney/ Second: Jean Garniewicz		
Conclusion	No action was taken in closed session. Upon returning from Closed Session the following motion was made: The Selection Committee unanimously recommends the selection of SIG Group as the hotel developer for a 150 room hotel adjacent to the Columbia County Exhibition Center, contingent on final negotiation by the selection committee to be approved by the DACC Board. Jean Garniewicz seconded the motion. Vote: (4) in favor; (0) against; (1) abstain. Mark Wills abstained.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
None	N/A	N/A	
<b>Adjournment</b>		<b>8:58 A.M.</b>	
<b>Next meeting: February 27, 2016</b>		DACC Conference Room	All

CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

Heigh Hollar, Chairman/Presiding Officer of the Columbia County Development Authority (Committee/Board Name), being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

- 1. The Columbia County Development Authority (Committee/Board Name) met in a duly advertised meeting on January 27, 2016.
2. During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.
3. The executive session was called to order at a.m./p.m.
4. The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the Open Meetings Law:

Consultation with the County Attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the County or any officer or employee or in which the County or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1).

Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-(2) and (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential):

Discussion of the future purchase, disposal or lease of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(1).

Discussion or deliberation upon the appointment, employment compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(2).

Other (describe the exemption to the Open Meetings Law):

as provided in (Insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic)

This 27 day of January, 2016.

Heigh Hollar
Chairman/Presiding Officer

Sworn to subscribed
Before me this 27 day of January, 2016

Notary Public
My commission expires: 03-05-2017

