



JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF METROPOLITAN ATLANTA

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2022 11:30 a.m.

Hosted by the Development Authority of DeKalb County

Via Zoom Platform

Members Present: (3)

Mr. Don Bolia, Chair, DeKalb County
Mrs. Regina Deloach, Chair, Clayton County
Mr. David Linton, Vice Chair, Henry County

Others Present Via Zoom

Ms. Marva Bryan
Ms. Mikisha Calloway
Ms. Doris Coleman
Ms. Sarah Elizabeth
Mr. Josh Fenn
Mr. Kevin Hannah
Ms. Sabrina Kirkland
Mr. Kyle Lamont
Ms. Eunice Lim
Ms. Erica Long
Ms. Randi Mason
Mr. Rod Meadows
Mr. Blake Sharpton
Ms. Breezy Straton
Mr. Tim Tidwell
Mr. Larry Vincent
Ms. Michelle Youngblood
Ms. Sandy Zayac

I. Call to Order – Mr. Don Bolia

Mr. Don Bolia convened the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

II. Welcome-Mr. Don Bolia

Mr. Don Bolia welcomed everyone via Zoom platform.

III. Invocation-Mr. David Linton

Mr. David Linton presented the invocation

IV. Ms. Marva Bryan, Accounting Manager/Tax Incentive Analyst Fulton County Development Authority –History of JDAMA

Ms. Bryan provided some historical context regarding the Joint Development Authority of Metropolitan Atlanta. In the past the staff discussed strategies to market the region collectively in a manner which is less costly. They also discussed funding and creating a resource center but there was no additional discussion in the matter. She reminded the board of the additional job tax credit available for those companies located within the Joint

Development Authority zone which would incentive companies with an additional five hundred dollar per job tax credit.

V. Mr. Blake Sharpton, Attorney, Butler Snow-DCA Reporting and compliance

Mr. Blake Sharpton provided some insight on the ways he will contribute to getting the Board's documents organized and housed in one accessible location both physically and virtually. Mr. Sharpton has obtained a copy of the documents from the Secretary of State as well as a copy of the bi-laws. Mr. Sharpton is working to get all the documents together and organized so that everyone has access to the documents when needed. He mentioned that the Joint Development Authority has many of the same powers as each of the individual authorities with the exception of issuing revenue bonds. He will continue to work to find the documents to determine what is there, what is relevant and get things organized.

Mr. Rod Meadows, attorney with Meadows, Macie & Morris as well as legal counsel for Henry County mentioned previous discussions with Mr. Lou Horn regarding some amended bi-laws to authorize the Executive directors to step into the roles of their Chair in their absence. Ms. Sandy Zayac advised that she will pull the documents she has possession of and send those over to Mr. Sharpton.

Mr. Bolia called on Ms. Regina Deloach to discuss her hopes and aspirations for the organization. Ms. Deloach recommended that once the documents are collected and organized that we orchestrate a retreat to educate the Board on the purpose and tools available to those involved in the organization.

Due to the lack of a quorum there will be no votes to approve any new meeting items.

New Business

VI. Ms. Breezy Straton presented on behalf of Elevate Douglas. She reported they are hopeful to have five new announcements by the end of the quarter. Those announcements are in manufacturing and data centers. There have no changes in their board. In 2021 they created a new public private partnership by the name of Elevate Douglas in which all of their economic development efforts are under one roof.

Ms. Sarah Elizabeth presented on behalf of Fulton County. She reported they had a great end to 2021 with a strong budget being approved by the board. They have applied for an EDA grant to be a stronger help to businesses within the area. They are in the process of reactivating their CDE as well. They are working to be a better partner to those in their community.

Ms. Randi Mason presented on behalf of Decide DeKalb. She reported they closed out 2021 with more than 2000 new jobs and almost 273 million in new investment. They have a new movie studio going in at the Indian Creek Marta Station. DeKalb was just chosen for two new programs, one to look at food deserts across the county. They are also working on their opportunity zone application as well as Made in DeKalb initiative which includes a virtual manufacturing summit.

Mr. Josh Fenn presented on behalf of Choose Henry. Mr. Fenn reported Henry set a new record in the number of attractions for 2021. They will have 3 new project announcements in the upcoming weeks. Henry County passed a new TSPLOST, Atlanta Motor Speedway recently completed an 18 million dollar track improvement project.

Mr. Larry Vincent presented on behalf of Clayton County. Mr. Vincent reported Clayton was heavily focused on workforce development. He reported that their unemployment numbers dropped from 13.8 to 3.5 percent. They have a project approved to build a mixed use development across from Clayton State University. They are working on documents and processes to get moving on the Mountain View project.

VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on April 12, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. hosted by Douglas County Development Authority.

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