

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA
January 7, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Billy Blanchard, Stella Bucholtz, Jacki Lowe, William Taylor, Jimmy Yancey

MEMBERS ABSENT

Russ Carreker, Carmen Cavezza

ALSO PRESENT

Brian Anderson, Lindsey Braxton, Pam Hodge, Gary Jones, Bill Murphy, Joe Sanders, Brian Sillitto, Ed Sprouse, Clint Taylor, Janeen Tucker, Katherine Kelly

Billy Blanchard, Chairman, noting that a quorum was present and proper notice had been given in accordance with the requirements of Georgia law, called the January 7, 2016 meeting to order.

MINUTES

Upon motion made by Jacki Lowe and seconded by Jimmy Yancey, the Authority unanimously approved the minutes of the December 3, 2015 meeting attached as Exhibit "A".

FINANCIAL REPORT

William Taylor reviewed the income statement and the balance sheet for December. He reported that the CB&T note will be paid off. **Upon motion made by Jimmy Yancey and seconded by Stella Bucholtz, the Authority unanimously approved the December 2015 Financial Reports attached as Exhibit "B".**

CITY OF COLUMBUS REPORT

Pam Hodge reported that the TAD for Benning Technology Park passes and the other three are being discussed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill Murphy gave a summary of the report which is attached as Exhibit "C". The RPI Steering Committee met on December 3rd to review draft strategic plan five focus areas. The next meeting will be on January 21st at Fort Benning. He gave a presentation reviewing the activities in 2015 and concluded with the 2016 program of work. There are a couple of projects that will probably happen in 2016 and some will gain more momentum. Jimmy Yancey pointed out that it is important that people attend the six focus groups that CSU will be holding related to workforce. Discussion took place about enhancing relationships with our economic development partners. Discussion also took place about the growth in small businesses.

FORT BENNING REPORT

Gary Jones reported that Matrix Design Group has been chosen to conduct a study of the specific impact on three counties from the drawdown. The study is being done through a \$330,000 grant from OEA. The next two years will be preparing for BRAC. Efforts are being made to get \$14,000,000 to \$16,000,000 per year for four years to get additional defense contractors, rebuild airfield tower and get additional funding for training ranges.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Property Committee – no report

Finance Committee – no report

Project Committee – There will be a meeting next week to look at the incentive policies.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

LEGAL ISSUES

Upon motion by Jimmy Yancey and seconded by Stella Bucholtz, the Authority unanimously approved the Resolution to Authorize Payment of the Discretionary Grant for the Path-Tec Project in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

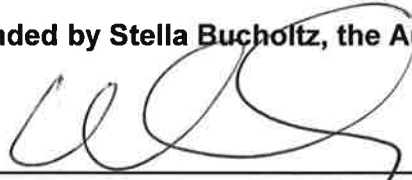
Upon motion made by Stella Bucholtz and seconded by Jacki Lowe, the Authority unanimously authorized the Resolution Authorize the Execution of Documents for Amendment of Lease Agreement for the American Tower Project in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

Upon motion made by Jimmy Yancey and seconded by Stella Bucholtz, the Authority authorized entering into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the Development Authority and Vision Hospitality Group, Inc. in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

OTHER ISSUES

Upon motion made by Jimmy Yancey and seconded by Stella Bucholtz, the Authority unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

By: _____



~~Stella Bucholtz, Secretary~~

WILLIAM P. MURPHY, ASST. SECRETARY

Approved by:



William R. Blanchard, Chair