

Arlington Economic Development Commission
1100 N Glebe Rd, #1500,
Arlington, VA 22201

Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bates (Roche), Kate	X	
Blenkle, Andy	X	
Bushkoff, Robert	X	
Caiazzo, Jill	X	
Costa, Anthony	X	
Denning, Tim	X	
DePalma, Lindsey	X	
Drzewiecki, Brian	X	
Dunn, Bill	X	
Duran, Sally	X	
Gillen, Pamela		X
Jensen, Tom		X
Kumar, Neal	X	
Merlene, Nicole	X	
Monroe, Bryant	X	
Patel, Toral	X	
Patil, Vivek		X
Pedowitz, Scott	X	
Poli, Frank	X	
Saint Juste, Guy		X
Walsh, William	X	

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chair Duran at 8:02 AM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Drzewiecki seconded by Commissioner Bushkoff to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Chair Duran reported on the presentation of the Framework for Prosperity 2.0 economic development strategy to the County Board on April 24 (see Attachment 1).
- She also encouraged members to attend the small group session that are being held to provide members with a deeper dive into economic development issues in Arlington.
- Chair Duran reported that she attended a meeting with County Board member Libby Garvey and the leaders of the other Commissions and advisory groups that Libby liaises with. Commissions were encouraged to get to know each other's work.
- Chair Duran also reported that EDC has been asked to help facilitate the County Board Roundtables about growth in Arlington that will be held in June. She asked for additional volunteers.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- AED Director Hoskins noted that there continues to be a lot of activity including a Block Chain event in early May, a Creative Economy event with Virginia Tech called ROC – “Return on Creativity”, and an upcoming event focused on funding of companies.
- Hoskins also reported on the Gerber relocation to Arlington and the Deal of the Year award from the Washington Business Journal for Nestle.
- Hoskins reported that Arlington is becoming an AI center for the region as indicated by the recent location of Trussmatic, a Finnish AI company to Arlington and other startups that are bring AI applications to the commercial market.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Conversation with Jason Miller, CEO Greater Washington Partnership** – Mr. Miller addressed key economic development issues impacting the competitive environment of the Washington Region, especially related to talent and transportation. He also provided his perspectives on the potential location of Amazon’s HQ2 in the region. (See Attachment 2 for transcript).
- **Discussion about Amazon HQ2 project** – A discussion was held about the potential opportunities and community concerns if Amazon selects Arlington or the Washington region for its HQ2 location.

Motion was made by Commissioner Drzewiecki and seconded by Commissioner Monroe to have the Executive Committee draft a letter that focuses on the EDC’s overarching support for having the County pursue the Amazon HQ2 project. The motion passed unanimously.

6. EDC WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- Economic Development Strategy – Commissioner DePalma reported that the committee is looking forward from what comes out of the small group session to help with messaging.

7. COUNTY PROJECT UPDATES

- Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV) – Commissioner Monroe reported that the County Board will be considering the 4MRV Plan at its May 19 meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Past Commission Chair Norris will be recognized by the County Board on May 22 for his service on the EDC.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 AM.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held 7:45 AM, June 12, 2018. A recording of the meeting may be heard by contacting the AED offices.