

ALBEMARLE COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2019
County Office Building, 401 McIntire Road
4:00 P.M., Room 241

Directors Present: Jim Atkinson, Rod Gentry, Don Long, Elton Oliver, George Ray

Staff Present: Jim Bowling, EDA Counsel; Roger Johnson, Economic Development Director; J.T. Newberry, Economic Development Coordinator; Jennifer Schmack, Economic Development Project Manager; Jeff Richardson, County Executive; Richard DeLoria, Senior Assistant County Attorney, Steve Allshouse, Chief of Administration and Analytics; Cecelia Baber, Chief Accountant; Jodie Filardo, Community Development Director; Diantha McKeel, Board of Supervisors Liaison to the EDA, Jack Jouett District; Ann Mallek, Board of Supervisors, White Hall District

1. **Establish Quorum and Call to Order**

Mr. Gentry convened the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for November 19, 2019 were reviewed. Mr. Ray motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Mr. Atkinson.

MOTION: The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

3. **Financial Report**

The Treasurer's Report was deferred.

4. **New Business**

- a. Tom Tom Summit & Festival Presentation – Mr. Paul Beyer, Executive Director of the Tom Tom Foundation presented information on the Tom Tom Summit and Festival. This year, the festival has broadened its focus to small cities across the country and draws 4,000 each year. Last year, there was representation from 300 cities and had a \$2.5 million annual economic impact. Several major initiatives were spearheaded and noted that some newly formed organizations such as CvilleBioHub and Charlottesville Renewable Energy Alliance were formed as a result of the festival. Mr. Johnson stated he will work with Mr. Beyer to develop a strategy and report back to the Authority with a recommendation on how the EDA and the County can support next year's festival.
- b. Director's Report – The Director's Report was deferred.
- c. Broadway Blueprint – Mr. Johnson and Mr. Newberry provided the Authority with an update on the progress of the Broadway Blueprint Study. The Woolen Mills/WillowTree project has served as a catalyst for spurring activity in the Broadway Corridor. Mr. Ray stated that the appropriate

role of the government is to help steer the process to get a more quality product. Mr. Gentry agreed and noted that a well-planned project could create a synergy between the County and the City and encouraged staff to be thoughtful of every step of the process. Mr. Atkinson stated this 45 acre site is the largest contiguous light industrial area in the County which is even more reason to help guide the process. Mr. Newberry shared the next steps for the study.

- d. Recognition of Elton Oliver – Mr. Gentry announced that upon completion of his term, Elton Oliver will be stepping down from the Authority. Mr. Oliver was then recognized for 18 years of service on the Economic Development Authority. Mr. Gentry motioned and read **A Resolution Recognizing Elton J. Oliver** and noted it will be presented at the January 15, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkinson.

MOTION: The motion passed unanimously

- e. Closed Session – Mr. Atkinson a read the following Closed Meeting Motion:
I move that the Albemarle County Economic Development Authority go into a closed meeting as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, section 2.2-3711(A) of the Code of Virginia under:

Subsection 39 to discuss and consider: Information subject to the exclusion in subsection 3 of Section 2.2-3705.6 related to economic development, to wit: proprietary information voluntarily provide by the Lewis & Clark Exploratory Center (“LCEC”), a private business, pursuant to a promise of confidentiality by the EDA upon LCEC’s request and used by the EDA for business, trade, and tourism development or retention; and

Subsection 39 to discuss and consider: The investment of public fund for Project Forty-Niner where bargaining is involved and where, if made public initially, would adversely affect the financial interest of the County.

MOTION: The motion passed unanimously (5-0)

- f. Closed Meeting Certification – Mr. Atkinson read the following Closed Meeting Certification:
I move that the EDA certify by recorded vote that to the best of each Director’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed, or considered in the Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkinson.

MOTION: The motion passed unanimously (5-0)

5. **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business was reported.

6. **Other Matters**

Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center – The Authority agreed to invite the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center (LCEC) team to return in April to demonstrate the LCEC’s current financial status and fiscal projections and continue loan repayment discussions.

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Gentry adjourned the meeting.

Teste: _____

W. Rod Gentry, Chairman

Approved: _____

Roger Johnson, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer

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Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Gentry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Mr. Atkinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Mr. Oliver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Mr. Long	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Mr. Shreve	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	_____
Mr. Mellen	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	_____
Mr. Ray	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____

I, W. Rod Gentry, certify the roll call vote tally.



W. Rod Gentry, Chairman

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Date