



**Charlottesville Economic Development Authority (CEDA)
Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2022**

Members Present

J'riah Guerrero
Addison Barnhardt
James Cauthen
Reid Thompson
Jonathan Chasen
Jay O'Donnell
Ed Schmitz

Staff Present

Chris Engel
Ajoni Wynn-Floyd
George Sandridge
Lachen Parks
Trish Carpenter

Others Present

Yolunda Harrell

A meeting of the Charlottesville Economic Development Authority occurred on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 via virtual electronic Zoom meeting. Chair, Mr. Guerrero, called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Mr. Guerrero asked if there was any public comment; no public comments noted, he proceeded to the next agenda item.

Mr. Guerrero asked the board if there were any comments or questions regarding the February 8, 2022 meeting minutes. No questions noted, Chair asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 8th, Mr. Cauthen so moved; Mr. Chasen second the motion, all in favor. Motion passed. Next, Chair asked if any questions regarding the January 2022 Treasurer Report. No questions were noted, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the January 2022 Treasurer Reports; motion moved by Mr. Cauthen, Mr. Barnhardt second the motion; all present in favor. Motion passed.

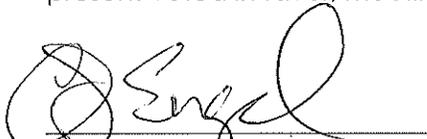
Mr. Engel introduced Yolunda Harrell of New Hill Development Corp. Ms. Harrell gave an overview of the BEACON project to the Board. The BEACON project is a shared use commercial kitchen incubator which will supply all the equipment and storage space for entrepreneurs or restaurant owners who otherwise do not have space and equipment available to them for catering jobs, making a product for sale, etc. The location has been selected and New Hill Development is currently raising funds as well seeking grant opportunities. Questions were asked by Board members and answered by Ms. Harrell.

Next, Mr. Engel presented to the Board the proposed FY23 budget. Mr. Engel explained that flexibility is included within the budget for new projects, such as BEACON. After all questions were answered, the Chair asked for a motion to approve; Mr. Chasen moved; Mr. Schmitz second the motion, all present in favor. Motion passed.

The last item presented was the OED 2021 Annual Report showing highlights of the projects completed for the past year. Mr. Cauthen complimented all the hard work done.

Mr. Schmitz said a few kinds words to the Board as this being his last meeting. Mr. Engel thanked Mr. Schmitz for his years of service on the Board. Mr. Guerrero inquired about the status of in person board meetings. To date no update from City Council on the status of meetings beyond virtual.

There being no further business, Mr. Guerrero asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Addison made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Schmitz second the motion, all present voted in favor, meeting adjourned at 4:49 PM.



Chris Engel, Secretary

Date Approved by CEDA