

MINUTES
Of the
Board of Directors
Of the
City of Baltimore Development Corporation

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the City of Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) was held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 beginning at 7:35 a.m. at the Corporation's offices at 36 South Charles Street, Baltimore, MD. **Board Members present at the meeting were: Chair, Augie Chiasera, Colin Tarbert, Charisse Hughes, Miriam Fuchs, Henry Raymond, Paul Taylor, Jeffrey Fraley (via phone), Elda Devarie, Jeffrey Hargrave, Christy Wyskiel and Angela Wells-Sims.**

Staff present: Kim Clark, Nancy Jordan-Howard, Jeff Pillas, Susan Yum, Deb Tillett, Dan Taylor, Kristin Dawson, Bernard Smith, Joann Logan, Richard Escalante and Renee West (as Recording Secretary).

Also in attendance: Carolyn Mozell, Mayor's Office; Jay Greene, DHCD; and Holden Wilen, *Baltimore Business Journal*

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Augie Chiasera at 7:35 a.m.

- I. Minutes of the May 16, 2019 BDC Board meeting were approved as written.
- II. Chairman's Comments
 - i. Welcomed Colin Tarbert in his new role as President and CEO of BDC.
- III. President's Report
 - i. Tarbert thanked board members for the opportunity to serve, and staff for making the transition smooth. Also noting the tremendous effort made by staff with outreach visits and technical workarounds during the ransomware attack.
 - ii. Tarbert reported on the court ordered receivership of Harborplace stating that talks have continued in hope of creating a clear, creative vision that meets business and residential needs, and continues Inner Harbor success. The receivers will make the final decision.
 - iii. It was also noted that lawsuits had been withdrawn by both the City and The Stronach Group, a first step in restarting the conversation to keep the Preakness in Baltimore, with a common vision that works for all parties.
- IV. Presentations
 - o ICSC - The video shown at ICSC was presented to the board. The video was well received resulting in future prospects.

- Façade Improvement Program - Dan Taylor provided an update on the Façade Improvement Grant program for block-wide clusters; how it differs from the standard program; what they hope to accomplish; along with strategies and implementation.
 - Chiasera noted that the Resolution for the Façade Improvement Program was sent to board members for review, and deferred voting up to the following Thursday.
 - Tug Boat Tour Video - Elected officials, BDC and City staff participated in a tug boat tour provided by Jeff Fraley. The scale of our industrial base and the jobs it creates were showcased from the water's view. A video of the tour was presented.
 - CEDS Update - Tarbert provided an update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), noting the opportunity for real impact with this particular renewal – the first CEDS update since the unrest.
- V. Chiasera presented a resolution to elect Carolyn Mozell from the Mayor's office to fill a vacancy on the board. The resolution was unanimously approved by all board members present. The second part of the resolution was for BDC to accept a grant from Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. for \$30,000 to complete façade improvements in the Park Heights area. This agreement was voted on and accepted by the majority of the board.
- VI. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 a.m.