

MEETING MINUTES - BDC Board of Directors Bimonthly Meeting

Date: 10/17/2024
Time: 7:30 am
Location: *Virtually (Microsoft Teams)*

Board Attendees:

☒ Chair- <i>Augie Chiasera</i>	☒ <i>Elda Devarie</i>	☐ <i>Carim Khouzami</i>	☒ <i>Paul Taylor</i>
☒ Chair Emeritus- <i>Arnold Williams</i>	☒ <i>Jeffrey Fraley</i>	☒ <i>Michael Mocksten</i>	☐ <i>Michael Walton</i>
☒ Vice Chair- <i>Jeffrey Hargrave</i>	☐ <i>Miriam Fuchs</i>	☒ <i>Shelonda Stokes</i>	☒ <i>Angela Wells-Sims</i>
☒ President- <i>Colin Tarbert</i>	☐ <i>Alice Kennedy</i>	☐ <i>Mohan Suntha</i>	☒ <i>Justin Williams</i>

BDC Senior Staff Attendees:

☒ <i>Bill Carlson, Esq</i> (Corporate Council)	☒ <i>Gabriel Linder</i>
☒ <i>Brennan Murray</i>	☒ <i>Jeff Pillas</i>
☒ <i>Chavel Dixon</i>	☒ <i>Kimberly Clark</i>
☒ <i>Daniel Taylor</i>	☒ <i>Larysa Salamacha</i>

BDC Other Staff Attendees:

☒ <i>Beverly Lanier</i>	☒ <i>Je'Mira Spriggs</i> (Recording Secretary)
☒ <i>Christina Moore</i>	
☒ <i>Ira Knowler</i>	

Other Attendees:

☒ <i>Deborah Morris, Baltimore City Resident</i>	☒ <i>Gina Richmond, Bloomtopia</i>
☒ <i>Ed Guntz, Fishbowl</i>	☒ <i>Melody Simmons, BBJ</i>

Note:

Attendees' names that are italicized indicate individuals who participated in the meeting virtually. Due to the Chesapeake Connect Conference in Saint Louis, Missouri, this month's meeting was conducted exclusively in a virtual format to accommodate Board President, Colin Tarbert, and other board members who attended the conference.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Augie Chiasera, at 7:34 am.

- I. **BDC Board Meeting Minutes for 8/15/2024**
 - August meeting minutes were approved as written by Arnold Williams and Shelonda Stokes.
- II. **Chairman's Comments**
 - Congratulations to Shelonda Stokes on a successful Downtown Partnership Annual Meeting
- III. **Presidents Report- Colin Tarbert**
 - The project Sojourner Place at Park is moving forward with design approvals.
 - Harborplace "call to action" is needed to support Question F.
 - BDC received 5 IEDC 2024 Excellence in Economic Development Awards.
 - BDC was the recipient of the 2024 Catherine Durda Award for its FTZ marketing program led by Will Cawthern.

- There is no set timeline regarding completion of the FSK Bridge, but state officials are aggressively working to rebuild the bridge within 5 years..
- The Sun featured a front-page story on the Westside's development progress. Dan Taylor and Gina Richmond were recognized for their work in placing the story. regarding progress on the Westside.
- The Howard & Lexington (aka Compass) LDA was terminated by BDC due to missed deadlines and RFP will be reissued in 2025..
- Key Indicators for Q2 2024 has been updated and are now on the Economic Dashboard.
- The 2024 Baltimore Together Summit will take place on November 12th at Center Stage.

IV. Downtown Data Update –

- Gabriel Linder presenting the Measuring Economic Impact October 2024 report on various economic indicators related to the CFG Bank Arena and Lexington Market.

V. Staff Presentation

- CDA Initiative Update
 - Ira Kowler provided an update on the Commercial District Assessment program Launch.

VI. Equity Initiatives

- No updates on Initiatives.

VII. New Business

- No new business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 AM.