



MINUTES

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

Virtual Meeting

12/9/2020 8:02 AM | *Meeting called to order by Chairman Howard Males*

In Attendance

EDAC Members

Howard Males,
Chairman
Pam McDonough
Vice Chair
Erin Aleman
Todd J. Cabanban
Teresa Córdoba
David Day
Kristi DeLaurentiis
Emilia DiMenco

Manny Flores
Bridgett Gainer
(Noureen Hashim)
Andrew Geer
Graham Grady
Jennifer Killen
Sharon Legenza
Phaedra Leslie

Karin Norrington-
Reaves
David Shabes
Edward Sitar
Thurman Smith
Deborah Stone
William Towns
Rob Tucker
John Watson
Simone Weil

BED Representatives

Aris Kotsioris
Barbara Maloof
Dominic Tocci
Irene Sherr

Jamila McMillon
Karl Bradley
Veda Britt – Handy
Mohammed Elahi

Sheryl Stewart-Caldwell
Susan Campbell
Dunni Cosey Gay
Michael Elmets

Guests

Jeffrey Engstrom
Kylin Fisher
Otis Gibson
Beth & Drago Glavac – Voda Wash LLC
Lindsay Hollander
Timi Koyejo
Meribeth Mermall
Victoria Moreno
Emmett Morrissey
Daryl Newell

Matthew Stern
Jennifer Troung
Erik Varela

Public Commentary

- Chairman Males announced that a quorum was present.
- Chairman Males opened the floor to public commentary. There were no public speakers.

Remarks from EDAC Chairman Howard Males

- Chairman Males welcomed the board members and the public to the meeting. Additionally, the chairman commended the County for providing a balanced budget.

Approval of Minutes

- The September 16, 2020, minutes were approved.

Bureau Chief Update on COVID Recovery and Equity Investment

- Irene Sherr and Susan Campbell from the Bureau of Economic Development provided an update on Cook County's Community Recovery initiatives. The conversation included an update on new programs as well as detailing additional forthcoming initiatives.

EDAC Financial Tools and Incentives Committee Pam McDonough and Will Towns Co-Chairs

- **Drago K. Glavac d.b.a. Voda Wash, LLC, Orland Park, IL 60462**
The applicant has recently completed a newly constructed car wash which will feature multiple vacuum stations for customers and the landscape will include 80 new trees and over 200 new shrubs planted to beautify the location. There were no issues in committee regarding the item. Additionally, there were no questions from EDAC members.
There was a motion and second for approval. The item passed.

Abstentions: CMAP

- **Work in Progress, LLC and Gertrude, Inc., Chicago, IL**
The applicant has completed a gut renovation of the building and adapted it for loft office/creative space. The space has been occupied by Gertrude, Inc. an advertising and marketing service agency. A representative from the City of Chicago voiced that the item is a great project and is a benefit to the community. EDAC members raised questions regarding Commissioner support for the item. The Commissioner representing the area was waiting for a letter of support from the Alderman of the area, which was received by BED.
There was a motion and second for approval. The item passed.

Abstentions: CMAP, Manny Flores

EDAC Planning and Development Committee

- Dominic Tocci from the Bureau of Economic Development presented the 2020 CDBG Capital Improvement Recommendations. BED developed a partnership with DOTH (beginning after COVID). The partnership started with DOTH picking up CDBG projects that were already in progress. DOTH was onboard with upping their support (\$ 6.3 Million) allowing BED to do more projects.

There was a motion and second for approval. The item passed

Abstentions: Emilia Dimenco

Improving Local Development Incentives Guide

- CMAP provided a presentation on improving local development incentives.
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County Small Business Ecosystem Assessment and Path Forward in a COVID Economy

- Next Street provided a detailed analysis of where the County is currently.
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Adjournment

Chairman Males called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.