Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Present: James Woodley, Chair; Henry “Hank” Williams; Tamara Battles, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority’s Executive & Government Relations Committee was called to order by Commissioner Woodley at 8:00 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Executive Director reported on the status on the GAEDA Revitalization Corporation (GRC) initiative. Mr. Willie Spears and Mr. Joe Williams, Consultants for the initiative gave their required 6-month status report as per their Professional Services Agreement. A discussion was held.

The Executive Director informed the Board that Mr. William’s and Mr. Spears’ contracts will be brought before the Board at the July 2015 board meeting for renewal.

The Executive Director also gave a preliminary status report of the 1st Time Homebuyer’s Fair hosted by the Inner-city Revitalization Corporation on 1st Time Home-Buyers Fair. He stated that the Inner-City Board would like to extend a sincere thanks to GAEDA Board of Commissioners and Staff for the partnership and noted that the event was very successful with a total of a total of 110 participants, 10 Vendors and a number of positive written accolades. A discussion was held.

The Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Blake Cooper, Executive Director of the Alexandria Regional Port Authority regarding possible Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between GAEDA and the Port Authority to support a strategic broad-based website to brand and market the port. A discussion was held.

There being no further business to come before the Executive & Government Relations Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.
Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Present: Michael Caffery, Chair; Henry “Hank” Williams; Becky Barnes

Absent: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority’s Human Resources Committee was called to order by Commissioner Caffery at 8:51 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

There being no business to come before the Human Resources Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.
Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority
Administration & Legal Committee Meeting

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Present: John Carroll, Chair; Brad Smith; Becky Barnes

Absent: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority’s Administration & Legal Committee was called to order by Commissioner Carroll at 8:52 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Committee heard a report from CPA, Martin Masden regarding the May 2015 financial statements. A discussion was held.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve the May 2015 financial statements. There being no public comments, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to accept the Annual Financial report for the year ended December 31, 2014. There being no public comments, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve payment of the audit bill for the Annual Financial report prepared Rozier, Harrington, McKay for the year ended December 31, 2014. There being no public comments, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to authorize the Executive Director to sign the Engagement Letter with Rozier Harrington & McKay to perform an annual financial audit for the year ended December 31, 2015. There being no public comments, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve payment of the April 2015 legal bill. There being no public comments, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve payment of the April 2015 accounting bill. There being no public comments, the motion passed by unanimous vote.
There being no further business to come before the Administration & Legal Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.
Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority
Economic Development Committee Meeting

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Present: Henry “Hank” Williams, Chair; John Carroll; James Woodley

Absent: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority’s Economic Development Committee was called to order by Commissioner Williams at 8:56 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Committee heard a status report from the Executive Director regarding the sale of the Masonic Drive Property. A discussion was held. Commissioner Caffery requested that the Executive Director submit a written report to the Commissioners on the negotiations between Mr. Trosclair and himself.

The Committee heard a report from Keith Hillman of Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix and Hixson regarding the Masonic Drive projects. A discussion was held.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Woodley to approve a grant request with the Louisiana Association of Museums in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) for the 2015 LA Association of Museum Conference to be held September 13-15, 2015. A discussion was held. The being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to approve a grant request with the Alexandria Museum of Art & Arna Bontemps Museum in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) for the Arts and Cultural Activities related to the Aaron Douglas/Arna Bontemps Exhibition to be held December 4, 2015 through February 20, 2016. A discussion was held. The being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Woodley and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to approve a grant request with the Tekawitha Conference in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000) for the 76th Annual Conference to be held July 22-26, 2015. A discussion was held. The being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.
It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Woodley to approve a grant request from River Oaks Square Arts Center in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500) for the Kenny Brown Band (Mississippi Based Band at River oaks During Fall Art Walk October 16, 2015. A discussion was held. The being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Development Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.
The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Capital Projects Committee was called to order by Commissioner Smith at 9:12 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado, called the roll. A quorum was present.

There being no business to come before the Economic Development Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.
Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority
Operations Committee Meeting

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Present: Tamara Battles, Chair Michael Caffery; Brad Smith; Becky Barnes

Absent: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority’s Operations Committee was called to order by Commissioner Caffery at 9:12 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado, called the roll. A quorum was present.

There being no business to come before the Operations Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.
Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Regular Meeting

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 16, 2015

Present: James Woodley, Chair; Henry “Hank” Williams, Vice Chair; Tamara Battles, Secretary/Treasurer; Michael Caffery; John Carroll; Brad Smith; Becky Barnes

Absent: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Commissioner Woodley. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

Other Business

It was moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Caffery approve the items of the May 2015 Consent Agenda. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to accept the Annual Financial report for the year ended December 31, 2014. There being no public comments, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Battles and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve payment of the audit bill for the Annual Financial report prepared Rozier, Harrington, McKay for the year ended December 31, 2014. There being no public comments, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.