

MINUTES OF COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: April 22, 2021

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual meeting held via Teams.

NOTICE: This virtual meeting was held pursuant to and in compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3708.2 and state and local legislation adopted to allow for continued government operation during the COVID-19 declared emergency. All participating members of the Economic Development Committee were present at this meeting through electronic means. All members of the public may view this video of this meeting on the City’s website at www.fallschurchva.gov/CouncilMeetings.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Phil Duncan @ 1:02 pm _____

THOSE PRESENT:

<u>Council Members:</u>	<u>Staff:</u>
Mr. Duncan: <u> x </u>	Wyatt Shields: x _____
Ms. Hardi: <u> x </u>	James Snyder: <u> x </u>
Mr. Litkenhous: <u> x </u>	Becky Witsman: <u> x </u>

OTHERS PRESENT:

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- a. Staff recap of April 20 meeting with NAIOP.
- b. Recap of April 20 FC Chamber of Commerce program on COVID’s impact on the regional economy, featuring Jeannette Chapman, Director, The Stephen S. Fuller Institute for Research on the Washington Region’s Economic Future, George Mason University.
- c. Recap of April 21 Planning Commission workshop with board & commission representatives to preview One City Center application.
- d. Staff summary of monthly update from MCR re: efforts to recruit a movie theatre operator for Founders Row.
- e. Outdoor dining. How to encourage making current temporary arrangements permanent?
- f. Noise ordinance. What do EDC members want to see come before Council in May?
- g. Report from staff on prospects for filling ground-floor commercial vacancies Citywide. (Broadway, Byron, Tinner Hill, Spectrum, Pearson Square, Read (2nd floor space); Birch & Broad (undergoing modernization now); former FCFlorist; former CapOne and Suntrust banks; parcels in the 900 W. Broad block.)
- h. Update on Business openings:
 - Galleria Florist storefront on W. Broad;
 - Pho Vietnamese in West End Plaza;
 - Pupuseria La Familiar (former Ramen Noodles);
 - Cuates Grill in the Broadway (former Locker Room);
 - Tropical Smoothie Cafe in Birch & Broad;
 - Building construction proceeding at Scramble;
 - Interior expansion construction proceeding at Rare Bird.
- i. Next EDC meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, May 27 at 1pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 2:29

SIGNATURE OF RECORDER: Valerie Weiner