

MINUTES OF COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: May 27, 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 @ 1:01 PM

THOSE PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- a) Planning for business operations in post-COVID emergency times. Staff preview of Council's June 7 consideration of a zoning text amendment governing outdoor dining and entertainment.
- b) Staff summary of monthly update from MCR re: recruiting a movie theatre operator for Founders Row. Any other commercial tenant announcements for FRow? Next scheduled MCR meeting with FRow neighbors is June 9.
- c) Status of workforce/affordable housing opportunities in West Falls project. Also, opportunities elsewhere in City with Amazon grant money?
- d) Staff updates on Atlantic's One City Center application, and on Insight's Broad & Washington project.
- e) Staff update on filling ground-floor commercial vacancies Citywide. Prospects for: Broadway (Cuates Grill); Byron (Harvey's); Birch & Broad (Taco Rock).
- f) Any leads for ground-floor vacancies at 455 Tinner Hill, Spectrum, Pearson Square, Read (2nd floor space), West End Plaza?
- g) Staff update on renovation work under way at former FC Florist space. Also: facelift under way at Broadale Village Shopping Center.
- h) Status of: former Capital One and Suntrust bank buildings; parcels for sale in the 900 W. Broad block.
- i) Recent business openings:
 - Tropical Smoothie Cafe in Birch & Broad;
 - Galleria Florist storefront on W. Broad;
 - Interior expansion at Rare Bird.
- j) Business openings anticipated:
 - Pho Vietnamese in West End Plaza;
 - Pupuseria La Familiar at S. Wash. & Annandale;
 - Scramble on Fairfax St.
- k) Other items:
 - Progress updating net fiscal impact model?
 - Implementing new noise ordinance?
 - Towing statistics?
 - Status of trash/litter pickup from public cans on streets, and from Kaiser garage?
- l) Next EDC meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, June 24 at 1pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 2:49 PM

SIGNATURE OF RECORDER: Naomi Goodwin