

ARLINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
All Virtual Meeting
Monday, June 24, 2024

Member Name	Present	Virtual	Absent
Amal, Tommy		X	
Bates, Kate		X	
Boyd, Ryaan		X	
Brewer, Janetta		X	
Burchard, Anthony		X	
Cooper, Steve			X
Dunn, Bill		X	
Fedorchak, Stephen		X	
Garthwaite, Ben			X
Gregorios, Nick			X
Lynch, Catherine		X	
Mansur, Sid			X
Mason, Brad		X	
Meyyan, Praveen		X	
Oyler, Joseph		X	
Pedowitz, Scott		X	
Sampaio, Flavia			X
Schoenfeld, Mary Margaret			X
Sisk, Avril Ussery			X
Sorrell, Paula		X	
Tate, Jordan		X	
Van Horn, Andy		X	
Virasingh, Vicky			X
Yam, Kevin		X	
Weinstein, Matthew			X

WELCOME AND CALL TOGETHER

The June 24 EDC (Economic Development Commission) meeting was held virtually. Chair Bill Dunn began the meeting at 8:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not mentioned or approved at this meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT — BILL DUNN

Chair Dunn briefly addressed the Commission, noting that this one-off meeting was scheduled to give the Commission adequate time to consider their contributions to/endorsement of the CIP.

AED DIRECTOR'S REPORT — RYAN TOUHILL, DIRECTOR

No report was provided.

GUEST SPEAKER — CIP PRESENTATION, RICHARD STEPHENSON & KAREN TALLEY

Richard and Karen provided a high-level overview of Arlington's CIP, including significant updates and changes. Highlights include:

- The 10-year capital improvement plan proposed in May is valued at \$4.5 billion, covering essential infrastructure such as fire stations, libraries, transit facilities, and backbone technology investments.
- Significant reinvestments are needed for the fiber network, data centers, and technology supporting operations, with an estimated \$212 million allocated for backbone technology.
- New facilities like the fire station and library, as well as enhancements to Long Bridge Park and synthetic turf at Kenmore Middle School, will have operational budget impacts, including additional staffing and resources.
- Public hearings and work sessions on the capital improvement plan have been held, with the board's adoption scheduled for July 20th, and a referendum planned for November, emphasizing projects enhancing commercial areas like Rosslyn and Crystal City.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION — CIP RESPONSES AND FEEDBACK

- Ryan Touhill:
 - Arlington County's involvement in the CIP process focuses on managing cultural facilities, including shared spaces with schools, a summer concert amphitheater, and public art maintenance, with allocated funds totaling \$721,000.
 - The CIP's broader investments in infrastructure and public facilities are crucial for creating a safe, transit-oriented, and business-friendly environment, which is essential for attracting businesses and leveraging state incentive programs by providing local matching funds.
- Remarks/Summarizations from other EDC members:
 - Developer contributions are significant, with funds from site plan redevelopments and BID support allocated to key projects, including Gateway Park.
 - The prioritization of capital projects for fiscal year 25-26 varies between critical needs (e.g., technology replacements and facility repairs) and less urgent enhancements, with a focus on timing replacements to avoid higher future costs.
 - To distinguish essential maintenance from optional improvements, emphasis should be placed on maintenance capital needs, which are crucial for day-to-day operations and community progress.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLOSING

Chair Bill Dunn called the meeting to a close at 8:51 a.m.