

**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR STANDARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A Regular Standard meeting of the Economic Development Authority was held on Thursday, July 15, 2021, at 3:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building.

A. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, AGENDA REVIEW, AND APPROVAL

Meeting called to order and agenda approved.

B. ROLL CALL, ASCERTAIN QUORUM, REVIEW OF AGENDA

Members of the Board Present: Mr. Charlie Fugate
Mr. Robert Trevorrow
Ms. Shanna Carrico
Mr. Ernest Daniels
Mr. Kenny Shuman

Members of the Board Absent: Mr. Don Adams
Mr. Nathan Louis Berg

Administrative/Town Staff: Tenille Montgomery

Guests: Lindsey Holman
Kenton Thompson

Comprising a quorum of the Board

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 13, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes for May 13, 2021, was tabled due to not having a quorum of members that were present at the meeting.

D. DISCUSSION

1. Members discussed following up with the Planning Commission about the zoning ordinance updates.

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS REPORT

- Mrs. Tonya Triplett announced that the Prepared Meals program has been granted an additional \$200,000.00. This grant will fund the program from November 2021 through April 2022.
- New businesses opened in Town are Gilou's French Cuisine, Chellas on Main, Campesino Mexican Grill.
- Lodging and Meals Tax numbers are up to pre-pandemic levels (2019 numbers).
- Marketing Plan established and being executed by the Tourism Department.
- Barter Theatre is still closed, but opening soon.
- Sports Complex set to open spring 2022.
- Working on Enterprise Zones with Washington County, VA.
- Hassinger House RFP and zoning were redone so that it could be sold.

F. HARD ROCK - BRISTOL

Ms. Lindsey Holman from the Hard Rock – Bristol gave a presentation on the new casino and an update on the status of the project. Ms. Holman will be reaching out to community partners and businesses to start an inventory of various vendor opportunities.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next EDA meeting will be on September 9, 2021, at 3:00, in the Arthur Campbell Room, on the first floor of the Municipal Building.

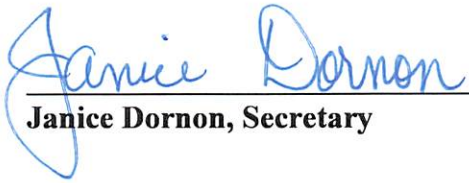
I. ADJOURNMENT

Robert Trevorrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Charlie Fugate seconded.

The meeting was adjourned.



Nathan Berg, Chairman



Janice Dornon, Secretary