

LOUDOUN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2009
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

IDA LEE PARK and RECREATION CENTER

60 Ida Lee Drive, SW
Leesburg, VA 20175

I. Call to Order/Determination of Quorum/Adopt Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:02 a.m. Robert DuPree made the first motion to approve the January 2009 minutes and Kurt Krause seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

EDC Members Present:

Jim Bennett
John Bischoff
Kirby Bowers
Susan Buckley
Jerry Coughter
Robert DuPree, Jr.
Linda Erbs
Doug Fabboli
Michelle Frank
Alice Frazier
Bill Gibson
Tag Greason
Katie Hammler
Paula Harper
G. Kim Hart

Mark Hassinger
Rick Hurwitt
Shaun Kelley
Kurt Krause
Ted Lewis
Stephen Mackey
Dave Miles
Joe Paciulli
Mary Porter
James Rohrbaugh
Betsy Self
Bob Steere
Robin Suomi
John Wood
Ed Zigo

EDC Members Absent:

Joe Boling
Russ Gestl
Ed Hatrick
Tamar Datan Johnston
Randy Kelley

Cheryl Moore
Deborah Rochkind
Mark Stavish
Elaine Walker
Scott York

EDC Staff Present:

Robyn Bailey, Phil Denino, Beth Hain, Steve Hargan, Alison Howard, Dorri Morin, Buddy Rizer, Larry Rosenstrauch, Patrick Ryan, Tricia Simons and Harry Walsh.

II. Director's Report

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Larry Rosenstrauch reported that the Paris Region group met at Dulles International Airport earlier in the week to understand how the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is organized and how economic agencies and other community and business representatives relate to those airports.

Mr. Rosenstrauch reported that the Loudoun County Business Association Summit will be held on February 23, 2009 at Rehau in Leesburg and the Forum for Rural Innovation will be held on March 13 at the Best Western in Winchester. Dorri Morin and Michelle Frank of Orbital will attend the 2009 VEDA Economic Development Day at the Virginia General Assembly on February 17, 2009.

Larry Rosenstrauch noted that Loudoun County was not on Hilton's short list for relocating to the metro area due to its distance from Washington, DC and the lack of available buildings in their size range. He did report that Loudoun is on the short list of other businesses currently, but they are confidential at this time.

III. Presentation: *Energy Conservation and Business Opportunities. Introduction by Supervisor McGimsey. Presenters, Najib Salehi, Energy Manager, and Diane O'Grady, County Administration, Michael Barancewicz & John Lord, The LCPS Energy Education Team*

Please see presentation online.

IV. Committee Updates and Goals

A. Executive

Shaun Kelley reported that at the last meeting they reviewed the committee structure and the new member assignments for the year. They also reviewed the strategic plan, the action plan as well as the draft EDC work plan.

B. Education and Workforce

Paula Harper noted the next Business Education Collaborative meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2009.

C. Marketing and Business Retention

Kurt Krause reported that the committee formulated their schedule and discussed the ambassador pilot program at their last committee meeting. Cheryl Kilday gave a presentation regarding the anticipated reduction of the transient occupancy tax. The committee discussed the business education collaborative.

D. Policy and Implementation

Rick Hurwitt reported the committee is working on updating the EDC's Action Plan and discussed the Wish List and Watch List. Mr. Hurwitt also noted the committee discussed the County's proposed budget.

E. Transportation and Infrastructure

Ted Lewis reported that the committee's next meeting is Wednesday, February 18 and Tom Farley, Loudoun County Office of Transportation, will discuss rail to Loudoun.

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F. Rural Economic Development Council

Doug Fabboli reported that the LCVA Guide for DC's Wine County is now available.

V. Chair's Items

John Wood announced that Kirby Bowers will be leaving his position of County Administrator. Mr. Wood discussed Loudoun County's FY10 budget. He also discussed the joint effort of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce and the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce to have a proactive outreach in Richmond for the business community.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment at 10:02 a.m.