

The Economic Development Authority of the County of Accomack, Virginia

March 13, 2012

The Economic Development Authority met in the Conference Room of the Accomack County Airport Terminal Building, on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: John LeCato, Chair
 Mary Jester, Vice Chairman
 Shirley Zamora
 Ira Ashby-Hope
 Robert Marshall

Members Absent: Robert Bloxom
 Irene Davis

Call to Order

The EDA meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman John LeCato and he welcomed Jean Hungiville, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Patrick Cody to the meeting.

Roll Call

The following members were present John LeCato, Mary Jester, Iravon Ashby-Hope, Shirley Zamora, and Robert Marshall.

Public Comment

Patrick Cody appeared before the EDA and stated he was a member of an ADHOC Committee with Northampton County that was formed to write an Economic Development Plan for Northampton which was part of the Comprehensive Plan and the Plan was never really done. He continued by stating the ADHOC Committee was charged with identifying the Economic Development needs and opportunities and writing the plans for them.

Tom Brockenbrough appeared before the EDA and was representing Steve Miner and Rich Morrison who could not make the meeting because they were in Wallops.

Approval of February 13, 2012 Minutes

Robert Marshall made a motion to accept the February 13, 2012 minutes with corrections and Ira Ashby-Hope seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Robert Marshall gave the Treasurer's Report and said the balance at PNC Bank was \$21,861.02 Accounting Department shows the budget was \$7,760 and \$3,873 had been paid out. The balance remaining in the budget was \$3,886 for the remainder of the year.

Mary Jester made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Shirley Zamora seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Informational Report from Chairman and Members

Mary Jester told the EDA she had received a call last week from an ANEC employee stating the meter had been cut off in the park, but a minimal fee was being charged even though there was not any power being used. Mary Jester explained the situation to him telling him what had happened and asked that he would not close the account because the EDA had just paid a large amount of money to get reconnected . She stated she asked if they would not charge the EDA anything because they were not using any power. Mary suggested that Chairman LeCato contact the ANEC, but make sure he gets it in writing concerning the financial situation of the lights. A discussion ensued concerning the lighting situation and determining where the breaks in the wires were located and who was going to pay for it.

Ira Ashby-Hope stated she had met last month with Irene Davis concerning the website. Mrs. Hope said her intensions were to take what had been gotten from Go

Daddy.com and try and use it. Mrs. Zamora stated the purpose of the website was to help market the Park. Mrs. Hope stated she was working on the getting the list of businesses but had not finished yet.

Chairman LeCato stated he had received confirmation that Mr. Robert Bloxom had been appointed to the EDA and was replacing Rhet Tignor. He further stated he had received a letter from the Commonwealth of Virginia Employment Commission (Onley VEC) and he passed the letter of acknowledgment and appreciation for inviting Mrs. Smith to the EDA meeting last November to speak. Chairman LeCato told the EDA he had received a call from Mr. Frank Thomas and Mr. Sam Seagar stating they had not received the signed paperwork to still be the realtor to sell land for the EDA for next year. Mr. LeCato said they wanted to know if the EDA had chosen another realtor because he saw the sign out front saying Caldwell Realtor. Mary Jester said they needed to send a document to John LeCato so he could sign it. A discussion ensued concerning the Caldwell Realtor sign. It was the consensus of the EDA for Mr. LeCato to contact Bill Chandler and inquire who gave the permission to put a sign on the property. A discussion ensued concerning the violation of placing a sign on private property without permission and stating it was a violation of Real Estate Code and the EDA wanted Mr. LeCato to inform Bill Chandler as such

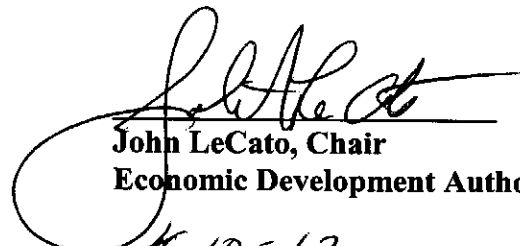
Chairman LeCato continued his report and stated he had received a request for the Airport Authority regarding the location of the EDA for sale sign which is blocking the airport entrance sign. The Authority also asked that the Airport and Industrial Park sign be lit.

Shirley Zamora told the EDA she had spoken with Ridgway Dunton and she said the land was given to the Chamber by the IDA as a gift. She continued and said Mr. Dunton had raised a question about the taxpayers and what happens when the property

has been sold at a profit to the Chamber. Mrs. Zamora said a gift was a gift and the deed should be looked at and see what the deed said because Mr. Dunton had pointed out to her that the EDA does have a responsibility to the taxpayers. Mrs. Jester said she asked the specific question to Attorney Henry Custis and Mr. Custis said he had reviewed the deed and there were no restrictions. Mrs. Jester said she was concerned by the discussion at the last meeting that changes to EDA covenants would not have an effect on existing tenants. She continued and stated she was not sure if she agreed with that conclusion and felt County Attorney Mark Taylor should be asked to give an official opinion on it. A discussion ensued. Mrs. Jester agreed to send the proposed changes to the Covenants to Mr. Taylor for comment and to request his opinion regarding the effect of any changes.

Adjournment

Robert Marshall made a motion to adjourn the EDA meeting and Mary Jester seconded the motion. The motion was approved.


John LeCato, Chair
Economic Development Authority
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Date