



Economic Development Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – Thursday, June 28, 2019

EDAC Members: Jeffrey Arnold; Diane Bendekovic; Marlon C. Bruce; Erik Bredfeldt; Jared Hart; Dr. Barry Jacobson; Dug Jones; Joakim Nordqvist; Dr. Gunnar Paulson; Trisha Roy; Julie Waldman; Dudley Wade; David Walle.

EDAC Members Present: Jeffrey Arnold; Diane Bendekovic; Erik Bredfeldt; Trisha Roy; David Walle; Marlon Bruce; Jay Nordqvist; Dudley Wade; Julie Waldman.

Others Present: Edgar Campa-Palafox.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 25, 2019, 2:30 PM, Santa Fe CIED

1. Call to Order

EDAC Chair Jay Nordqvist called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

EDAC members adopted agenda as presented.

4. Approval of May 23, 2019 Minutes

The minutes from May 23, 2019 were approved as presented.

All EDAC agendas and minutes are available for the members and the public at the following URL:

<http://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/BOCC/Pages/AdvisoryBoards.aspx>

5. Introductions

Due to the recent appointments of new members, EDAC members introduced themselves to the group stating their name and professional affiliation.

6. Opportunity Zone Prospectus Presentation

Erik Bredfeldt, City of Gainesville Economic Development Director, and Edgar Campa-Palafox, Alachua County Economic Development Coordinator presented a draft of the Opportunity Zone prospectus. The document was created by the County of Gainesville in collaboration with Alachua County and Greater Gainesville Chamber. EDAC members were asked to provide input regarding the content of the document.

7. City of Hawthorne Trail Town Application Update

EDAC members received a brief update about the City of Hawthorne Trail Town Application. Alachua County staff is providing technical assistance to complete and submit a competitive application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

8. Trail Town Letter of Support

EDAC members approved unanimously to sign the letter supporting City of Hawthorne application for a Trail Town designation by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

9. City of Gainesville Broadband Study Update

EDAC members received a brief update about the City of Gainesville Broadband Study that was presented in a recent City Commission meeting. EDAC members will received a more detail presentation when more information is available.

10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourn at 4:06pm.