



## **Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)**

**Meeting Minutes – Thursday, November 21, 2019, 1:00PM**

**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; Barry Jacobson; Jay Nordqvist; Erik Bredfeldt; Trisha Roy.

**Others Present:** Edgar Campa-Palafox

**Next meeting:** Thursday, January 23, 2020, 2:30 PM, Historic Thomas Center B.

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### **1. Call to Order**

EDAC Chair Jay Nordqvist called the meeting to order at 1:04pm. There was quorum in the meeting.

### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

EDAC members adopted the November 2019 meeting agenda as presented. A motion by EDAC member Jeffrey Arnold to extend the meeting 10-15 minutes to hear an update about the Sports Arena was second by EDAC member Trisha Roy. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **3. Approval of October Minutes**

The minutes from October 24, 2019 were approved as presented.

EDAC agendas and minutes are available for the members and the public at the Alachua County website or by request.

### **4. Visit Gainesville/Alachua County Presentation**

Alachua County Tourism Development Manager Jessica Hurov presented an overview of Visit Gainesville/Alachua County activities, funding sources and future areas of concentration. Ms. Hurov answered questions raised by EDAC members during the presentation.

**5. Alachua County Sports Arena Update**

Alachua County Tourism Development Manager Jessica Hurov presented a brief update regarding the latest developments related to the Alachua County Sports Arena Update being proposed for the Celebration Pointe area. EDAC asked questions during the update. EDAC member Barry Jacobson proposed the following motion:

*“EDAC recommends the BoCC to move forward in taking the next steps in investigating Celebration Pointe as a location for the Alachua County Sports Arena, supporting the motion approved by the BoCC on the October 15, 2019 Special Meeting”.*

The motion was second by EDAC member Jeffrey Arnold and approved unanimously by EDAC voting members present at the meeting, with EDAC Chair recusing himself to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

A letter will be sent the BoCC to inform them of the approved motion.

**6. Future Meeting Locations Discussion**

Due to the future demolition of the SF CIED, EDAC members decided to move the January 2020 meeting to the Historic Thomas Center, where Ex Officio EDAC member Erik Bredfeldt will host. The new location will be properly noticed and advertised by Alachua County.

**7. ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:51pm.