



## **RBIC Board Meeting Minutes**

January 19th, 2023, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

**Present**: Cy Kouhestani, Peter Greenwald, Tim Helmig, Jennifer Burns, Bob Bushkoff, Sara Carioscia, Leigh Carter, James Derr, Shannon Flanagan-Watson, Gordon Fraley, Wil Machen, Jim Mathews, Paul Schulman, Traci Schweikert, Greg Wallig

**Staff:** Mary-Claire Burick, Santya Lanman, Victor Carcamo, Alli Henry, Justin Bensan, Laura Doolan, Nisha Patel, Raeley Youngs, Allison Doherty, Isabella Catala.

Guest Speakers and Guests: Mark Schwartz, Ryan Touhill, Greg Van Wie, Tim Friemel, Mark Viani, Val Weiner

## **Chairman's Report**

- 1. Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome address.
- 2. Chairman presented a brief report on actions taken by the Executive Committee.
  - Nominated Paul Schulman to replace Greg Rowles as AREP representative on the board.
- 3. Chairman handed the floor to Santya Lanman to discuss financial actions taken by the Executive Committee and review current financials.
  - Approved FY23 budget revisions.
  - Approved investment of \$500K in two CDs with CitiBank.
  - Approved FY24 budget for submission to the County.
  - Approved renewal of Block by Block and Clyde Group contracts.
- 4. Chairman called for motion to approve Executive Committee actions.
  - A motion was made to approve the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, FY23 budget revisions, \$500K investment in CitiBank CDs, FY24 budget submission to the County and Block by Block and Clyde Group contracts, seconded and approved.
  - A motion was made to approve Paul Schulman as replacement for Greg Rowles, and to fill the AREP board position, seconded, and approved.

## **Guest Speakers**

- 1. The Board heard from the new Director of Arlington Economic Development (AED), Ryan Touhill, who introduced himself and talked about his vision for AED.
- 2. The Board heard from Arlington County Manager, Mark Schwartz, who discussed his priorities for the coming year.



## **Development Update**

- 1. Tim Friemel Snell (Ames Center)
  - Phased project approach:
    - · Raze Ames Center office building.
    - Church & gas station to remain.
  - Awaiting County demo permits
  - Demo activities to kick-off in the coming weeks and anticipated to take 6-7 months.
  - Construction activities are on hold until project financing has been secured.
- 2. Greg Van Wie JAG (RCA)
  - Demo activities are underway and anticipated to take 5-6 months.
  - Construction on mixed-use residential building anticipated to begin in summer 2023.
  - Project estimated to be completed in 2025/2026
- 3. Bob Bushkoff Dittmar (Former Holiday Inn)
  - Under construction and on schedule
  - · Hilton franchise will be the hotel flag
  - Phased project approach:
    - Mixed-use residential building estimated to be completed in summer 2024.
    - Hotel estimated to open in 2026.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned.