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MEETING:	DESC Executive Committee Meeting	DATE:	December 14, 2021
ATTENDEES:	DESC Executive Committee Members: Cal Sharp, Alice Thompson, Nicole Sherard-Freeman DESC Staff: Terri Weems, Chanelle Manus	LOCATION:	DESC Corporate Offices
		CALLED TO ORDER:	09:00 am
ABSENT:	Excused: Chris Uhl, Maria Woodruff-Wright Unexcused: None	ADJOURNED:	09:21 am
PUBLIC ATTENDEES:	None		
FACILITATOR:	Cal Sharp, Board Chair	DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED:	5-10-2022

ITEM	DISCUSSION	OUTCOME/ACTION ITEM(S)
I. Welcome & Introductions	<p>Cal Sharp, Board Chair, called the meeting to order and asked for introductions and locations being joined from for the Board members:</p> <p>Cal Sharp from Bloomfield Township, MI Alice Thompson from Detroit, MI Nicole Sherard-Freeman from Detroit, MI</p>	
II. Agenda Approval	<p>Cal Sharp asked for approval of the agenda for the December 14, 2021, meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Alice Thompson Seconded: Nicole Sherard-Freeman Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p> <p>Cal Sharp asked for approval of the meeting minutes from the October 26, 2021 meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Nicole Sherard-Freeman Seconded: Alice Thompson Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p>	
III. DESC Board Chair Report	<p>Cal Sharp shared that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After attending the Audit and Finance Committee recently, it's become clear that Federal and state funding is creating once in a lifetime opportunity for DESC to 	



	serve Detroiters. DESC has come a long way since its inception and is in a unique place to make lasting, impactful change.	
IV. DESC President Board Report	<p>Terri Weems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared that the DESC Staff is busy and waiting on further guidance related to ARPA dollars. State funding has not yet been determined. The City of Detroit has received \$800M Dollars and DESC has already been awarded through city council ARPA funds for specific programs. • Discussed the Federal Government's infrastructure monies for regional initiatives, which will create well-paying jobs for Detroiters. • Detailed the budget regarding staffing in recent years versus in the earlier years of the organization was comparable. She conducted an in-depth review of the entire organizational budget. • Outlined DESC's Request to cancel the January 2022 Executive Committee Meeting and shared that during the next meeting RFP approvals would occur. • Recognized Nicole Sherard-Freeman as an awardee of Crain's 2021's 100 Most Influential Women. 	
V. Mayors Workforce Development Board Update	<p>Nicole Sherard-Freeman:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed an additional source of funds, Wayne County ARPA Dollars. She advised that the City is presently in discussions to determine whether and how to coordinate. They are very interested in working with us. • Provided a preview of the American Motors Corporation announcement that would be detailed by Terri Weems and Dana Williams in the Corporate Board Meeting. Northpoint is investing to demolish the old facility, which is estimated to create 150 pre-construction jobs and 300 construction jobs. A tenant has not been determined for the new facility, but that tenant will give preferred status to Detroit at Work participants. <p>Board discussion ensued.</p>	
VI. Public Comments	There were no public comments.	
VII. Adjournment	<p>Cal Sharp called to adjourn the meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion: Alice Thompson Seconded: Nicole Sherard-Freeman Motion Carried – Approved Unanimously</p>	

DRAFT SUBMITTED BY:

Printed Name: Elizabeth Hennessey

Title: Administrator, Special Projects



Signature: /s/ E Hennessey

Date: 01/27/2022

DATE MINUTES APPROVED/ADOPTED: 5/10/2022 Initials: EH

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 @ 9:00 AM