

**THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH**

**September 28, 2021
EDA / PPIC Joint Meeting**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

EDA Board

Ray Smith
Malcom Mitchell
Cathy Drewry
Neal Barber
Theresa Saunders-Smith
Barbara Smith
Anthony Brown

PPIC Board

Angelia Allen
Sarah Rogers Garner
Arnette McSwain
Bracey Parr
Eugene Swinson

ABSENT:

Andre Williams
Amira Bethea

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Moore – Secretary
Brian Donahue – Assistant Director
Jeff Miller – Deputy City Attorney
Kelsey Sweiringa – Asst. Deputy Attorney
Patti Phillips – Finance Dept.
Bill Moody - Councilman

Call to Order

Ray Smith

Roll Call for EDA

Robert Moore

Roll Call for PPIC

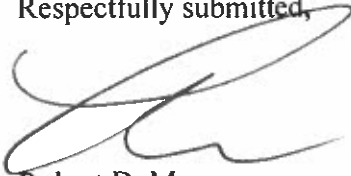
Robert Moore

Boards Overview-

- Mr. Moore presented the boards 4 years of progress of each individual board.
 - Investments brought to the city
 - Number of jobs investments brought to the city
 - Statistics of comparison of EDA vs PPIC
 - Grant activity for the past 2 years showing PPIC Port Host Community Grants and the EDA IBOG, FACADE and SECURITY Grants and the EDA's part in the COVID Relief Grant Fund.
- The boards started conversation on what they both do for the city and what their interest are and what direction they want to go and what state legal powers are.
- A large part of the conversation from both boards is the interest in setting up a Joint Meeting with the City Council. It was stated that they would need to have a comprehensive plan to take to the council. This may include current properties in need of redevelopment, or acquiring new properties.

- For the EDA, their support of the Portsmouth@Work Center is very important, and they want to find ways to promote and continue to support this Workforce Program.
- Other ideas discussed were look at existing and upcoming Industries, how to attract new businesses, reimagine the High St. corridor and retail in the city, Development of vacant properties, reopen development for Crawford Bay, Redevelopment of Churches for sale, (what could they be used for).
- At the suggestion of the Chairs, the commissioner can send any ideas and suggestion to them to be

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert D. Moore', written over a horizontal line.

Robert D. Moore
Secretary