Commissioners in Attendance: Erin Conley, Dr. Karen Hall, Tracey McCants-Lewis, Sara Segel, Andrea Vasquez, Monica Ruiz, Dr. Jennie Sweet-Cushman, Jenna Cramer, James Myers and Earl Buford.

Staff in Attendance: Chuck Durham, Joshua Lamonde and Upasna Goswami

I. Introduction

Motion to approve February 2021 minutes unanimously passed.

II. New Plans

**Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Departmental Technical Assistance-** This is a professional services project from Housing Authority. There was representation from the team. The prime CVR Associates Inc. itself is MBE certified and accounts for 100% participation. The prime has hired a non-certified WBE which will account for 7% participation. The contract value is $270,400.

Plan Approved

**Riverview Avenue Slope Repair -** This is a construction project from Department of Mobility and Infrastructure. There was representation from the prime Allison Park Contractors Inc. Their six sub-contractors, namely, Adams Petroleum, Interstate Enterprise, North Suburban, Williams & Williams Line Painting, Al Geisler & Sons Trucking and DS Hinkson Lumber & Supplies constitute 25.1% WBE participation. The contract value is $565,000.

Plan Approved

**Lower Hill FNB Financial Center -** This plan has both professional services and construction components, and is an Urban Redevelopment Authority
project. There was representation from the Development Team that demonstrated exemplary outreach and inclusive participation by M/WBEs as sub-consultants. The plan with Graves Design Group, A&A Consultants, MEP Engineering, AWK Engineering, Communion LLC, Dr. Goddess (Dr. Kimberly Ellis), E.Holdings and McFarquhar Group Inc. has 30% MBE sub-consultant participation. The WBE participation with Upstudio Landscapes, Michael Blades & Associates, HLB Lighting Design, Advantus Engineers, Monaloh Basin Engineers, Trans Associates and Aspire Grant & Development constitutes 15%. The contract value is $116,000,000.

**Plan Approved**

**Green Roof Phase 2, DLLCC**— This is a construction project from Sports and Exhibition Authority (SEA). There was representation from SEA. The prime A.M. Highly has 22% M/WBE participation. The MBE sub-consultants Reed Supply, Boyd Roll Off, FTBA, Hebron, Dream City Trucking, DLZ Corporation, Imbutech, TN Walker and Emerald Electrical comprise 15% participation while Plantscape, Ballast Fencing, Low Country Building Supply and Summit Insulation comprise 7% WBE participation. The contract value is 9,945,702.

**Plan Approved**

**III.** Commissioners commended the Development Team of Lower Hill District project on a model outreach effort to include M/WBE involvement, and hoped other participating companies would look up to this as an example in equitable growth and development.

**IV.** Commissioners emphasized the need to demonstrate Good faith Effort by primes with requisite evidence and documentation to substantiate all feasible efforts made in reaching out to Minority and Women businesses.

**V.** An update on ITQ professional services work orders was provided.

**VI.** Letters of Approval will be sent out by Office of Business Diversity.