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East Hartford Economic Development Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Hybrid Meeting

East Hartford Town Hall, Welling Conference Room

Microsoft Teams

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rosario called the meeting to order at 5:54 PM.

Members Present:

Veronica Rosario, Chair
Joelle Murchison, Vice Chair
Erwin Hurst
Anita Morrison
John Morrison
Angie Parkinson

Members Absent:

Jim Arsenault, Jr.
Brennden Colbert
Victor Rosas-Granda

Guests Present:

Michael Daniels, Economic Development Coordinator

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Morrison moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Hurst seconded the motion.

All voted in favor, none voted opposed

Motion Passed

3. BROCHURE OF RESOURCES FOR BUSINESSES

Chair Rosario will work with Mr. Daniels to begin a draft brochure.

4. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COLLABORATION

The ARPA application will be available by next week, and the Chamber is facilitating the application process. Businesses will be able to apply for reimbursements for initiatives such as hiring, infrastructure expansion, and facade renovations, which help to spark economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The next Chamber Small Business Office Hours will take place on Friday, April 22, from 10:30-12:30 at the East Hartford Public Library.

5. BUSINESS VISIT SCHEDULE

The members agreed to try to reschedule the visit to Rebel Dog Coffee Co. for April 28 at 2:30 PM.

6. DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Popeyes Chicken received Planning & Zoning approval for 317 Main Street. Cream Time, an ice cream shop at 188 Park is set to open soon. The Dunkin' at Main & Pitkin Streets is under repair after an auto accident. The Gulf station at 1022 Burnside Ave. is being renovated. The prospective new owner of the hotel at 363 Roberts Street is planning to convert it to a Fairfield Inn by Marriot and TownePlace Suites by Marriott.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Morrison moved to adjourn.

Mr. Hurst seconded the motion.

All voted in favor, none voted opposed

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Daniels

Economic Development Coordinator