

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

October 13, 2021

The Richmond Economic Development Commission's monthly meeting convened at 11: 35AM on October 13, 2021, via Zoom webinar.

Call to Order 11: 35 AM by Chair, A. Nurse

1. Roll Call:

A quorum was present with commission members: J. Lee, A. Anderson, L. Dandie, A. Nurse, K. Lynch, G. Sewell-Murphy, D. Wear, B. Evans, O. Willis

2. Absent:

T. Brown, K. James, A. Sheilds, R. Yazdi

3. Staff:

Gabino Arredondo, Shasa Curl

4. Council Liaison:

5. Guest:

Kyle Tankard, Judith Taylor, and Alicia Gallo

6. Minutes:

1st – A. Anderson, 2nd - K. Lynch

Presentation:

Kyle Tankard, City of Richmond Cannabis Social Equity – SCI Consulting Group

Presented the Cannabis Equity Assessment and Equity Program Development Steps. Kyle discussed the equity program components. Key recommendations discussed includes streamlined application process, reserved permits, financial and technical assistance, record expungement program, incubator program. Upcoming Community Meetings on October 19th and 20th and City Council Presentation on October 26th

Andrea Portillo-Knowles, Richmond Main Street Initiative – New Executive Director of RMSI. Background as U.S. Air Force studied Criminal Justice and Human Development Psychology, Started in Non-Profit Industry thru volunteering. Familiar with youth programs at Richmond. Goals include expanding resources to the community and building trust and relationship with Richmond and its community

Ayoka Nurse, Economic Development Commission – Ask each subcommittee to answer questions about mission, vision, roles of the subcommittee, expectations of subcommittee, short-term goals, long-term goal.

Committee Reports:

- ❑ Policy – Have not met, working on figuring out next steps for Measure U and adjusting rates
- ❑ Community Engagement – Have not met. Committee has distributed and spread information about Community Benefits and Cannabis Equity Meetings
- ❑ Taste of Richmond – No update
- ❑ Cannabis – Will be meeting to discuss SCI Consulting presentation and to plan for City Council Meeting
- ❑ Sustainability: Businesses/Industrial Hemp & Expo/Assessment: Committee met briefly. Discussed ideas and thoughts about sustainability.

7. Report from City Council: No report received

Staff Reports:

Finance Department:

Update on Measure U from Christine Butterfield: Working with Council Of Industries and prepared business information session presentations during October. Currently drafting desk procedures, assisting IT team to upgrade system, and assisting staff to provide update to City Council in November Going to City Council next month about administrative release to clarify grey areas of Measure U and business tax ordinances. Have been working with Managements Partners on community outreach. Have also been updating website with new information. Currently in processing of finalizing FAQ document and improving customer response.

City Manager's Office

Community Benefits Policy – Community Benefit Meetings on October 13 and October 14 for Public Input

BAUM Manufacturing Day – Commissioners toured Moxion current and future locations in Richmond.

Mayor's Office

Update on Commissioners – No update, there are still two commissioner vacancies.

Public Comments/Announcements/Handouts Presentation:

Cordell left a comment for public record last week. Mayor mentioned EDC at the previous council meeting, and his project will be on the consent calendar for October. Additional comment inviting the Commission to the performance of Our Town at Contra Costa Civic Theater, \$35 for Ticket.

Diane Fennell - Left a comment about application to be a commissioner

Shasa Curl – Thanked and showed appreciation to Commissioners for work done and for their time.

8. Next meeting: November 10, 2021

9. Adjournment: 12:55 PM