



CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of January 21, 2021 7:00 pm

Held through Zoom Virtual Meeting Conference

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Botelho at 7:00 pm. Those identified present were Chairwoman Botelho, Mr. Radway, Mr. Killian, Mr. Corria, Mr. Leonardo, Mr. Brun, Mr. Lis, Mr. Moran (staff) and Mr. DeCosta, (legal staff). Also in attendance was Krista Moravec and Lena Porell from Horsley Witten.

II New Business

A. Approval of 2021 Meeting Calendar

The proposed Economic Development Calendar schedule for the year 2021 was presented for approval by the Commission:

January 21, 2021
February 18, 2021
March 18, 2021
April 15, 2021
May 20, 2021
June 17, 2021
September 16, 2021
October 21, 2021
November 18, 2021
December 16, 2021

On a Motion by Mr. Corria and Seconded by Mr. Killian, the Commission unanimously voted to accept the 2021 Calendar as submitted

Voting: Chairwoman Botelho – Aye
Mr. Leonardo - Aye
Mr. Radway - Aye

Mr. Killian –Aye
Mr. Corria -Aye
Mr. Lis - Aye
Mr. Brun - Aye
Mr. Moran –Aye

**B. 2021 -2040 East Providence Comprehensive Plan – Economic Development
Element Discussion with Comprehensive Plan Consulting Team from Horsley
Witten**

Chairwoman Botelho welcomed Krista Moravec and Lena Porell from Horsley Witten and invited them to begin their presentation to the Commission as it relates to the 2020 -2040 Comprehensive Plan and the process that will be involved in its preparation and in particular how the Economic Development Commission can contribute to the drafting of the Economic Development Element and other elements in the Plan that are part of the promotion of economic development in the City.

Ms. Moravec provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission that described the process and timeline for the preparation and adoption of a final plan by the end of 2021. There was extensive conversation on the plan preparation process following the presentation and how the Commission can contribute to the development of the plan by providing valuable feedback as the plan as it is prepared and taking an active part as individuals in the workshops and other outreach efforts that will be taking place as the plan draft is prepared.

Mr. Moran indicated that as the Economic Development element and other elements of the plan are prepared, Ms. Moravec could return to the Commission at a future meeting to discuss the goals and objectives of the draft plan and receive feedback from Commission members on the contents of the draft.

C. Economic Development Self-Assessment Survey Discussion

The Commission determined that they would defer discussion on this topic to the next Economic Development Commission meeting in February.

III. Adjourn

On a Motion by Mr. Leonardo and seconded by Mr. Brun, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James Moran

Recording Secretary