



CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of February 15, 2024

Held in the Conference Room A, City Hall

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Martins-Botelho at 6:00 PM. Those identified as present were Chairwoman Martins-Botelho, Mr. Radway, Mr. Brown, Mr. Corria, Mr. Moran, Mr. Decrescenzo, and Mr. Leonardo.

II. Old Business

a. Vote on Meeting Minutes January 18, 2024

On a motion from Mr. Corria, seconded by Mr. Leonardo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes from January 18, 2024.

III. New Business

a. Vote on Storefront Improvement Grant Application of Check The Florist

On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Radway, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Storefront Improvement Grant application of Check the Florist to install new storefront windows and lighting.

b. Discussion on Washington Bridge closure's economic impact to the City

The Commission discussed the impact the Bridge's closure has had on the businesses in East Providence. To learn directly from businesses, the Commission and East Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mr. Decrescenzo asked the City to publish a survey asking business owners to share how the bridge closure has impacted their business.

IV. Staff Report

Mr. Leonardo provided an update to the Commission that Myrtle, a bar and music venue located at 134 Waterman Avenue, submitted a Commercial Loan application to the City. The Commission discussed meeting at an earlier date in March to hear the loan application.

VII. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Leonardo, seconded by Mr. Radway, the Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

James Moran

Recording Secretary