



CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of May 22, 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. Brun, Mr. Radway, Mr. McManus, Mr. Corria, Mr. Taliaferrow, Mr. Leonardo, and Mr. Moran. David Bachrach, the City's Community Development Director and Solicitor Todd Romano were in attendance as well.

II. Old Business

a. Vote on Meeting Minutes April 18, 2024

On a motion from Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Taliaferrow, the board voted unanimously to approve the open meeting minutes from April 18, 2024.

III. New Business

Mr. Brun left the room during the entirety of the discussion and vote on Storefront Improvement Grant applications.

a. Vote on Storefront Improvement Grant Applications of

- i. Endicott Dance
- ii. Brown Playschool

On a motion by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Corria, the Commissioners present voted unanimously to approve the Storefront Grant applications of Endicott Dance and Brown Playschool.

IV. Executive Session

Loan Application request of Co Creative Center

On a motion by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Brun, the Commission voted unanimously to move the Executive Session item to first on the agenda to hear the Loan Application of the Co Creative Center, as applicant Dena Haden was in attendance.

V. Adjourn Closed Executive Session

VI. Reconvene in Open Session

On a motion by, Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Brun, the Commission voted unanimously to seal the minutes of executive session. Mr. Leonardo announced the vote made in executive session was to unanimously approve the requested \$46,000 loan in Community Development Block Grant funds to Co Creative Center for the purposes of purchasing equipment, subject to a lien on all business assets,

incorporation of the non-profit organization in the State of Rhode Island, and a personal guarantee of Dena Haden.

VII. Staff Report

There was no staff report. The Commission requested an updated balance of the City's UDAG account for the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Leonardo, seconded by Mr. McManus, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

James Moran

Recording Secretary