



CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of October 17, 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. McManus, Mr. Radway, Mr. DeCrescenzo, Mr. Coria, Mr. Leonardo and Staff Tristan Jimerson.

II. Old Business

a. Vote on Meeting Minutes September 19, 2024

On a motion by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Radway, the commission voted unanimously to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 19th, 2024.

III. New Business

A. Discussion on Economic Development Element of Comp Plan

The commission discussed the Economic Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission discussed including the Shaw's Plaza in Riverside into the major commercial corridors section of the Plan. The section describing the City's loan programs should list the dollar amounts.

B. Vote on Storefront Improvement Grant Applications of

Tom Brun left the meeting for this portion of the meeting.

- a. Italian Corner Deli
- b. Supra Nails
- c. M&M New York System
- d. Zoe's Pizza

On a motion by Mr. Radway, seconded by Mr. Coria, the Commission voted to recommend approval for Italian Corner Deli, M&M New York System, and Zoe's Pizza storefront applications. Supra Nails was not recommended for approval because the signs have already been installed.

IV. Staff Report

Mr. Leonardo informed the Commission of the Commerce RI Grants the City is currently applying for.

The Commission discussed requesting clarity on the eligibility of businesses who started after COVID for the program. Mr. Leonardo stated he will contact the Solicitor's office for an opinion to provide to the Commission.

VII. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

James Moran

Recording Secretary