



CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of March 20, 2025

Held in the Conference Room A, City Hall

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM. Members present were Chairwoman Michelle Martins-Botelho, Mr. Taliaferrow, Mr. Corria, Mr. Brun, Mr. Radway, Mr. McManus, Mr. Brown, Mr. Leonardo, and Mr. Moran.

II. Old Business:

A. Vote on Meeting Minutes January 16, 2025

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from January 16, 2025 by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. McManus. Motion passes unanimously.

III. New Business

A. Discussion on Economic Development Initiatives for 2025

The Commission continued discussions looking at the city as a whole and identified areas considered as commercial corridors, vacant storefronts, and smaller commercial nodes that could be a focus for both public and private investment.

The Commission also discussed the impact of the Washington Bridge on the local economy and requested this item be listed on the agenda each month.

IV. Staff Report

Mr. Leonardo provided an update on All Seasons Café. On a motion by Mr. McManus, seconded by Mr. Moran, the Commission voted unanimously to direct planning staff and the City Solicitor to draft a modified loan agreement with the borrower so that the City makes a full collection of the remaining balance of the micro-loan.

Chairwoman Martins-Botelho informed the Commission there is a Community Meeting on March 26th at the Weaver Library on the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan for the city.

V. Adjournment

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

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