

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

March 10, 2021

The Richmond Economic Development Commission's monthly meeting convened at 11:30 AM on March 10, 2021, via Zoom webinar.

Call to Order 11:34 PM by Chair, Ayoka Nurse

1. **Roll Call:**

A quorum was present with commission members A. Nurse, A. Anderson, A. Shields, B. Evans, D. Wear, G. Sewell-Murphy, O. Willis, R. Yazdi, and Mrs. Dandie

2. **Absent:**

A. Delgado, J. Lee, and Q. Riley,

3. **Staff:**

Thomas Omolo,

4. **Council Liaison:**

Demnlus Johnson III

5. **Guest:**

Sarah Kirk, and Judith Taylor

6. **Minutes:**

1st –B. Evans, 2nd – Tina Brown, and Unanimous Approval

7. **Presentation:**

8. **Committee Reports:**

Commissioners discussed subcommittee roles and identified membership into specific subcommittees. Commissioners will meet outside of regular meeting to discuss goals of subcommittees and to elect subcommittee chair to be primary point of contact.

Discussion around forming a new subcommittee for Hemp and Business Expo. Commissioner Sewell-Murphy will put this item on the agenda for the April 14, 2021 Economic Development Commission Meeting.

- Cannabis Subcommittee – Ayoka submitted some updated information to Councilmember Johnson and will reach out to license holders who are not in operation yet. Will schedule a follow-up meeting for commissioners.
- Community Engagement – Provided update on the mission of the subcommittee.

Subcommittee also shared a report from the meeting with HR&A.

- Taste of Richmond – City has received signed extension for the Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with Richmond Police Action League for the event.
- Policy – No Report. Tentatively, will meet with the subcommittee members the following week.

9. Report from City Council:

10. Staff Reports:

Mayor's Office – The Economic Development Commission has two current vacancies.

City Manager's Office – Provided update that the City of Richmond received a \$75,000 California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz) for the creation of an Equity Assessment and the drafting and adoption of a Cannabis Equity Ordinance.

Finance Office – Measure U – Leilani Delacruz and Desiree Johnson, put out a Request for Proposals for a Consulting firm to implement Measure U with a deadline of March 23, 2021.

11. Public Comments/Announcements/Handouts Presentation:

- Economic Development Vice Chair Elections – Commissioners voted whether to elect Ahmad Anderson as Vice-Chair; Nine (9) voted YES, zero (0) NO, and zero (0) ABSTAINED.

12. Next meeting: 3/10/2021

13. Adjournment: 12:44 PM