

Public comments received by email or in writing by the Community Development Director prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting were welcome on any topic. Public comments were also allowed during the electronic meeting using the Zoom Meeting ID and Access Code posted on the Village's website prior to the meeting. Due to the ongoing public health emergency, and consistent with the Governor's most recent emergency declaration, various Executive Orders entered by the Governor, and the recent amendments made to the Open Meetings Act in Public Act 101-640, the Village President has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent at this time, and this meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom.



VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
Minutes

*I. Call to Order:* The Regular Meeting of the Village of Riverside Economic Development Commission was held on Thursday, February 4, 2020, electronically via Zoom. Director Abt called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

*II. Roll Call:*

<i>Present:</i>	Chairperson Fournier Commissioner Doherty Commissioner Forssberg Commissioner Jacksic Commissioner Kahle Commissioner Terhune
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<i>Absent:</i>	Commissioner Buoscio
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<i>Also Present:</i>	Community Development Director Abt Finance Director Johns Executive Director Liz Chilton, Riverside Arts Center
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*III. Public Comment*

Director Abt said they have an applications from Chew Chew café for outdoor dining improvements with addition of two heat lamps for outdoor seating area, from Riverside Foods for COVID safety improvements with increasing ventilation installing an induct air purification system and purchasing a portable hand washing station, and from Riverside Arts Center for some signage and outdoor improvements, looking to repair and replace their existing fence (along the train line) to enhance their space and provide an opportunity for some in person programming outdoors. Total comes to \$12,589 but EDC can only reimburse up to 50% of the cost, bringing that to \$6,294.50 leaving a balance of a bit over \$1,700 for additional grants.

There was one more application but it did not contain some needed information. Staff recommends approval of these three applications with a condition for the Riverside Arts Center. Because it is a fence and there is painting on there, what they're doing cannot be a sign for the Riverside Arts Center because painted signs are not allowed on fences so it has to be a mural or artwork of some kind. **Commissioner Doherty** motioned to approve and **Commissioner Forssberg** seconded and asked if there was a plan yet for the fence and Liz said the plan is to replace the fence and have a mural program/mural artist to work with community youth to design something for the outside and inside of the fence and do some landscaping.

**AYES:** Chair Fournier, Commissioners Doherty, Forssberg, Jacksic, Kahle, Terhune.

**NAYES:** None.

***Motion passed.***

- IV. *Public Comment:*** Director Abt then opened the meeting for public comments; there were none.

Commissioner Forssberg complimented Staff and Board for approving this fund and making this happen. Commissioner Jacksic said these were the exact type of applications she was hoping to see.

Director Abt said another email will be put out to let people know EDC is taking another round of applications. She said the next step for the applications that were approved will be bringing the recommendation to the Village Manager, along with a draft grant agreement. Once those are executed by the Village Manager and applicants they will be able to start their work.

Commissioner Kahle suggested sharing with potential interested applicants that three applications were approved so they will be encouraged to participate and to also let them know we are working with them. Commissioner Doherty suggested letting media know as well.

- V. *Adjournment***

**Commissioner Kahle** motioned to adjourn and **Commissioner Terhune** seconded to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Economic Development Commission.

**AYES:** Chair Fournier and Commissioners Doherty, Forssberg, Jacksic, Kahle, Terhune.

**NAYES:** None.

***Motion passed.***

The meeting was declared adjourned by Director Abt at 5:47pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Finance Director Johns

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Date Approved