



**VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Minutes**

- I.* **Call to Order:** The Special Meeting of the Riverside Economic Development Commission was held June 29, 2022 On Zoom. *Chairperson Fournier* called the Special Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- II.* **Roll Call:**

Present:	Chairperson Fournier Commissioner Doherty Commissioner Forrsberg Commissioner Jacksic Commissioner Valenzuela
Absent:	Commissioner Wator Commissioner Kahle
Also Present:	Finance Director Johns Fiscal Assistant Decosola
- III.* **Public Comment**
None.
- IV.* **Approval of Minutes**
None.
- V.* **Chair Report:**
None.
- VI.* **Liaison Reports:**
None.
- VII.* **Old Business**
None.

VIII. **New Business**

5.1. Riverside Artisan Event Discussion:

Chairperson Fournier stated that this is the event that the Commission is planning to have after Thanksgiving in order to increase overall awareness of Riverside. Chairperson Fournier asked the commission if they wanted to host the event for one or two days. Commissioner Doherty stated that six hours of the event would be great. Chairperson Fournier asked if there should be a maximum on how many artisans are able to attend. Commissioner Doherty suggested that the more artisans the better because it will create more awareness. Finance Director Johns asked if the twenty dollar fee is agreed upon and if they should charge more for electric access spots. Commissioner Doherty stated that it is normal to charge more for electric access tables. Commissioner Jacksic asked how the unloading process for the artisan owners is going to work. Finance Director Johns stated that she will ask if it is possible to shut down part of a street so that vendors can unload. Chairperson Fournier stated that there is also the kiss and ride parking spots that can be utilized for unloading. Finance Director Johns stated she will get the corrections back to the Commission by the end of the week. Commissioner Forrsberg suggested that the Economic Development Commission should have a table set up for general information to the customers. Chairperson Fournier stated that it could also just be pop up banners so that the market manager does not have to stay at one table the whole time.

Finance Director Johns stated that she would like to get the next meeting date scheduled by the end of the week. All commissioners agreed to have the next meeting on July 14, 2022.

5.2. Façade Grant Consideration – Riverside Arts Center:

Chairperson Fournier stated that this grant is an extension of the business Façade grant program. The Village Board reopened the grant, making \$15,000 available this year. The Riverside Arts Center put in a request for \$5,000 for a mural. Commissioner Doherty asked if the Riverside Arts Center already received a grant for their fence. Finance Director Johns stated that they changed their mind about the fence project and by the time they could switch the funds over, the grant period had expired. Commissioner Doherty asked what is going to happen if the property next to the Riverside Arts Center gets developed. Commissioner Valenzuela stated that even if the property becomes developed, they would still be grateful to have the mural for any period of time. Commissioner Forrsberg made a motion to approve the grant as presented. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion.

AYES: Fournier, Forrsberg, Valenzuela, Jacksic, Doherty

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Kahle, Wator

Motion passed.

IX. **Informational Items:**

None.

X. ***Adjournment***

Chairperson Fournier asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Doherty motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded.

AYES: Jacksic, Kahle, Doherty

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Forrsberg, Valenzuela, Wator

Motion passed.

Chairperson Fournier adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Finance Director Johns

Date Approved