



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Economic Development Commission

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

8:30 AM

Video conference via Lifesize.

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Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Kabat at 8:30am.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Paul Medinger, Tim Kabat, Angela Seeger, David Morrison, Debbie McKenney, Martin Gaul, Al Louis

Approval of Minutes of the September 24, 2020 meeting.

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Medinger, to approve the minutes as amended to correct that David Morrison had left the meeting prior to the vote on Batavian Bank. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

1. [20-1602](#) Update on Small Business Relief Grants and discussion on next program launch

Attachments: [Narrative Memo.docx](#)

The EDC Commissioners noted they would like to see a focus on hospitality with an emphasis on restaurant with the next round of funding, to include an example of the narrative that is to be returned by the grantees, and using an example of sales tax receipts for proof of impact, higher ranking for businesses that have retained employees, mailing to businesses registered in the city of La Crosse to provide options for resources.

2. [20-1675](#) Consideration of Minority-Owned Business Assistance Grant application from PriyaSuhani Chinthakayala and Kalyan Kolouju, Priya's Spice Bazaar.
(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1) (e) to formulate & update negotiation strategies and parameters. Following such closed session, the Committee and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)

Attachments: [Staff Recommendation Priya's.docx](#)

A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by McKenney, that this application be APPROVED based on staff recommendation. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. [20-1676](#) Consideration and possible action on presentation by F Street Development Group relating to River Point District.
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A motion was made by Gaul, seconded by Seeger, to convene in closed session. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Set December meeting date.

The next EDC meeting will be held December 17, 2020 at 8:30am.

Adjournment

Motion by McKenney, seconded by Seeger that this meeting be adjourned. This motion carried by a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

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