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**Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 through Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at this meeting: Clarita Bailon, Cornell Brown, Milagros Cancel, Assana Lloyd, Carmen Rivera, and Jacquetta Whaley.

The following information was discussed:

- **Discussion of the Preliminary Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2022.**

The committee members selected the following expense requests:

- Reinvest in the graffiti free removal program for private sites
- Invest in access to low cost financing to help neighborhood businesses construct or improve space
- Conduct a commercial district needs assessment
- Support development of local Storefront/Facade Improvement Program
- Provide disaster and resiliency preparation for small businesses

The committee members selected the following capital requests:

- Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract/encourage commercial activity (i.e., lighting, sidewalks)
- Improve the availability, speed, or cost of broadband access to local businesses and residents
- Other capital budget request for Small Business Services

The committee members provided certain specifications for the items above:

- Improve streetscapes in business districts to attract/encourage commercial activity (i.e., lighting, sidewalks): Improve streetscape in business districts-between Webster Avenue to Devoe Avenue.
- Provide disaster and resiliency preparation for small businesses: Build an additional center for small business owners

***The Economic Development Committee meets every third Tuesday of the month.***