

MEETING MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
June 30, 2020

PRESENT:

Sergio Villaverde, Nick Fazio, Tracy McCabe, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Julia Gomez, David Gellman, Ciara Gannon, Katherine Broihier, Kaila Bellin, Jonathan Friedman, Margaret Della, Sarina Prabasi, Camelia Tepelus

1. Call to order at 7:35pm.
2. Introductions by all present were made and Chairman Villaverde thanked the members and guests for their participation throughout the years that Villaverde has been chair.
3. SBS update.
4. COVID19 Merchant impact continued discussion: KRVC and Nick Fazio presented on the open streets, restaurant sidewalk usage, and open streets for restaurants. Open Streets for restaurants applications will be coming forth soon. Johnson Avenue is being reviewed for the programs. This is a program that may transcend the current crisis. Camelia Tepelus presented on the current rules and the procedures for the restaurant streets. David Gellman raised the issue of loss of parking.
5. Approval of minutes; Motion to approve the previous minutes made by Julia Gomez, 2nd by Nick Fazio passed by acclamation.
6. New Business: Sarina Prabasi raised the issue of Commercial Rent regulations and the need for this issue to be addressed.

a. The Community Board should consider addressing the issue of commercial rents. Chairman Villaverde left this to the discretion of the incoming chair and committee.

b. Kaila Bellin (student at SAR) suggested that the restaurants develop as system with tents and warmers of some kind to continue the street service in colder months.

Committee encouraged Ms. Bellin to come to future meetings and consider applying to Board if interested.

7. Old Business: Thanks all around for all of the past work.

Meeting Adjourned 8:34pm