

CORAL GABLES

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Economic Development Board Meeting Board Meeting DRAFT SUMMARY

Wednesday | December 2, 2020 | 8:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom and City Hall Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, 2nd floor, Coral Gables, FL 33134

EDB MEMBERS	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	APPOINTING ENTITY
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Julio Grabiel	X	P	P	X	X	X	X	X	E	E	Z	Z	Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli
Olga Ramudo, Chair	X	E	P	X	X	X	X	X	Z	Z	P	P	Commissioner Michael Mena
Stuart McGregor	X	P	P	X	X	X	X	X	Z	Z	Z	Z	Commissioner Patricia Keon
Bradley Barreto	X	E	P	X	X	X	X	X	Z	Z	P	E	Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Manuel Niebla	X	P	P	X	X	X	X	X	E	Z	P	P	Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.

A=Absent E=Excused Absence P=Present X=No Meeting Ph=Present by Phone Z=Zoom - =Former Board Member

Staff and Guests:

Julian H. Perez, AICP, CFM Director, Economic Development Department

Belkys Perez, Assistant Director, Economic Development Department

Zeida Sardiñas, Asset Manager, Economic Development Department

Leticia Perez, International Business Development Coordinator, Economic Development Department

Yenisis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department

Jordan Hernandez, Office Assistant, Economic Development Department

NOTE: There was **no in-person quorum**; therefore, the information below is a draft summary of items discussed with those present and via Zoom.

1. Economic Development Dept. Update

Business Grant Program/Cares Act Relief Funds

Mr. Perez updated Board members on the status of two grants submitted on behalf of the City for the Cares Act relief fund. The deadline for the COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Grant is December 30th, with over 150 applicants. Unfortunately, not all applicants will be awarded funds due to fund limitations, \$750,000. The City has been working with the BID and Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce to successfully promote participation. The outreach program has been very effective in terms of public information. Due to the high volume of applicants and in an effort to help as many applicants as possible, the grant has changed from a maximum award of \$50,000 to \$15,000 and can only be used towards rent reimbursement which satisfies the overwhelming request.

Expanding the Board discussion

Ms. Perez updated Board members that an item to formally expand the Board will be on the December 8th Commission Meeting. Staff will update the Board at the next Economic Development Meeting scheduled for January 6th, 2021.

2. Business Tax License Report

Ms. Perez updated Board members of the new and upcoming businesses in Coral Gables.

3. Open Discussion

Mr. Ramon Trias from Planning & Zoning for the City of Coral Gables explains to board members the updates that are being proposed to the Zoning Code, particularly those that pertain to the central business district.

Respectfully submitted,

Yenisis Gomez, Administrative Assistant, Economic Development Department.

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