MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
VIA TELECONFERENCE

7:00 CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Vice-Chair Melby called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL – Present: Members: Christopher Bunting, Travis Campbell, George Gager (7:12 due to tech issues), Patrick Swen, Eric Wright, Absent: Chair Jean Shrem, Members: Jonathan Zazove and Mark Figone Others: Rachel Melby

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
John Stashik is interested in EDC and efforts. Requested that the Chair/Vice-Chair provide the Chamber any information to share with the community in the Byline. Sandra recently moved to El Cerrito and interested in becoming part of EDC. Cordell Hindler invited the EDC to Crowns at Contra Costa Civic Theatre and the Richmond Rotary Club meeting on May 6th.

3. STAFF/COUNCIL LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS
Ashoori attended the Contra Costa County Economic Development working group who is partnering with Chabot-Los Positas Economic Development Department to administer a micro-business grant launching in May. Harbor Freight soft opening scheduled for late April with formal Grand Opening event in May; Housing Element upcoming workshop on 4/26; Bike to Wherever Day along the Ohlone on May 20 between 7am – 9am. Melanie Mintz provided updates and the EDC would like to find ways to support new businesses through cost share/reduced fees associated with building/permitting process. Cordell Hindler provided public comment and would like to see community resources at the July 4th event.

4. EL CERRITO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATES
No updates provided.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Consider a motion adopting the minutes of the regular Committee meeting held on March 21, 2022.
Moved/Second: Member Wright Action: Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular committee meeting held on March 21, 2022. Ayes: Members Bunting, Campbell, Gager, Swen Noes: None Abstention: Chair Shrem, Figone, Zazove
6. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
   Due to time constraints, the EDC would like to continue this item at a future meeting.

7. **EDC WORK PLAN UPDATES**
   Due to time constraints, the EDC would like to continue this item at a future meeting.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

   Vice-Chair Melby’s term expired on 3/1/2022 and as the re-appointment process was not yet complete at the time of approval, her participation in the vote for this meeting was not valid. Therefore, it has been removed from the record. The outcome of the actions taken however remain the same (as shown above.).

   
   Jean Shrem, Chair

   This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Economic Development Committee meeting of April 18, 2022, as approved by the Economic Development Committee.

   
   Aissia Ashoori, Staff Liaison