

Meeting Minutes
Economic Development Committee
Monday, November 22 at 4:30 pm
7 Richmond Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present:

Tom Fitzgerald
Katie Jenkins

Staff Present:

Doug Lewis, City Manager
Cathy Bieterman
Derek Feuerstein

Absent

Nicolas Augustine

Meeting started at 4:32 pm. The meeting was called to order.

- 1) Attendance was taken. Tom Fitzgerald and Katie Jenkins were present.
- 2) Approval of the minutes from May 13th, 2021. Tom Fitzgerald made a motion to approve, 2nd by Katie Jenkins.
- 3) John F. Clair Award. Bieterman presented the nomination form for the John F. Clair Award which will have a deadline of January 31 and will come back to an Economic Development Committee Meeting on February 3rd to make selections. The award would then be presented at the last February Council meeting. The committee agreed to use the form as it is.
- 4) CDBG, APPA Grants for small businesses and interior renovations. Bieterman presented the application form that is intended to be used for a combination of business loan and grant resources. There are three funding types requested including Exterior Storefront Improvement Grant (CDBG); Interior / Exterior Forgivable Loan Program (CDBG) and Interior / Exterior Forgivable Loan Program (ARPA) with a total maximum request of \$30,000. Lewis presented that there is a total of \$285,000 available for funding. The grant committee that reviews the applications will be able to provide guidance to the grant awardees the best funding mechanism for their particular project.
- 5) Executive Session: Committee moved into executive session at 4:43 pm in accordance with ORC. 121.22(8). Moved by Tom Fitzgerald. Seconded by Katie Jenkins. Approved.
- 6) Committee moved to come out of executive session at 5:35 pm. Moved by Tom Fitzgerald, Seconded by Katie Jenkins. Approved
- 7) Architectural Rendering for Former Huntington Bank Building. The committee moved to approve up to \$10,000 for a conceptual rendering that depicts a revitalization of the former Huntington Bank Building. Tom Fitzgerald moved to approve. Katie Jenkins seconded. Approved.

8) Committee moved to adjourn at 5:40 pm. Moved by Tom Fitzgerald, Seconded by Katie Jenkins. Approved.