
Virtual meeting via ZOOM. The meeting ID was provided to the public.

Call to Order

Chair Dowdell called the meeting to order at 12:06pm.

The Quincy Community Redevelopment Agency Regular Board met in regular session on Friday, June 5, 2020 with following present at roll call: Member Bass-Prieto, Member McMillan, Member Sapp

Also in attendance:

Manager Nixon, Attorney Brown, Admin Pam Tribue

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Member Bass-Prieto to approve the agenda, seconded by Sapp, motion carries 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Member Sapp to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020, seconded by Member Bass-Prieto, motion carries 4-0.

Note: For the record Member McMillan was driving during the meeting and some of his responses were drawn out and/or inaudible. When asked if he was able to pull over, he indicated he wasn't. There was concern over not being able to clearly understand his vote. Attorney Brown stated that if Member McMillan can't hear us and we can't hear his vote; he doesn't feel we can count him present at the meeting.

Motion by Member Sapp to approve the minutes of the CRA Special Meeting of May 19, 2020, seconded by Member Bass-Prieto, motion carries 4-0.

Member Harris joins the meeting.

Motion by Member Sapp to approve the minutes of May 26, 2020 CRA Special Meeting, seconded by Member Harris, motion carries 5-0.

Mom-and-Pop Business/GIG Worker Assistance Program

Manager Nixon provided a review of the list highlighting the entities he recommends reduction in the amount requested, not be funded and those removed who submitted multiple applications or business operations. The board vigorously discussed the list, asking for clarification on several entities and making changes as needed. All businesses must be in the district, needed to be in operation during the timeframe required.

Motion by Member Bass-Prieto to approve all applicants in white for the first allotment, hold a special meeting on the others including those that were deemed ineligible, second by Member Harris. Discussion: There were questions as to how to handle those entities in grey, the need for a special meeting and the various requirements in the original application (non-essential business, for profit, definition of Gig worker, etc.).

Chair Dowdell stepped out of the meeting.

Manager Nixon and Attorney Brown will collaborate on the remaining applicants to determine their eligibility. Upon review it is noted that most businesses do not have a current business license with the City but that is a requirement for all those approved, including Gig workers.

Chair Dowdell returns to the meeting.

Amended motion by Member Bass-Prieto to approve all applicants in white and gray for the first allotment and to hold a special meeting on those in yellow and red, seconded by Member Harris, motion carries 4-1 with Member McMillan voting nay. A colored copy of the list will be included in the minutes as the vote is based on the color assigned to each entity.

Board Member Comments

Member McMillan – Wanted the record to reflect that he voted no on the motion because of concerns he has. Secondly he pointed out that he likes the trees on the Franklin Street property, looks great but the grass needs some attention.

Member Harris – None

Member Bass-Prieto – Thanks to Manager Nixon for the hard work getting this program passed. Suggested offering classes to business in the future to address expansion, internet sales, etc. Thanks for the trees also. Thanks to the board for their hard work also and suggested that they look at holding a special meeting for applicants highlighted in yellow and red to finalize a decision on their application.

Member Sapp - None

Chair Dowdell – Thanks to everyone for participating especially since it's the middle of the day. It was a good, productive meeting and he hopes the board can continue to have open discussion and work together. Good job Manager Nixon. Attorney Brown continue to keep everyone straight.

CRA Attorney Comments – None

Meeting adjourns at 1:20pm.