

Call to Order

Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

The Quincy Community Redevelopment Agency Regular Board met on Thursday, September 2, 2021 with following present at roll call: Member Bass-Prieto, Member Canidate, Member Sapp

Also in attendance:

Manager Nixon, Attorney Brown, Admin Pam Tribue

Motion by Member Canidate to excuse Member Dowdell, seconded by Member Bass-Prieto, motion carries 4-0.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as printed by Member Sapp, seconded by Member Canidate, motion carries 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were provided.

QCRA Manager Presentation

Small Business Emergency Assistance Program – The board previously authorized the creation of a program for approximately \$35K. The program description and application were provided. The basic eligibility requirements were discussed:

- Member Bass-Prieto questioned that the business only had to be in business for the previous 6 months. Suggested something longer than a year.
- Chair Harris would like to see the program vetted by the Manager and a final list brought to the board based on the eligibility criteria. Based on this the board would give final approval.
- Attorney Brown suggests first come/first serve that meets the criteria (first qualified).
- Member Bass-Prieto asked if a lien would be placed on the property. Attorney Brown explained that because the business owner would get the grant not the property owner in some cases, it could be problematic to issue a lien. We could add a clause to hold them personally responsible if the business closes within a certain amount of time.
- No independent contractors would be eligible, brick and mortar businesses only.
- Under the eligibility requirements the board decided to change #8 to read: Applicant must provide listing of all grant funds received from the QCRA, City of Quincy or Gadsden County within the past **5 years**.

Motion by Member Canidate to approve the Small Business Emergency Assistance Program with the change noted "5 years), seconded by Member Sapp, motion carries 4-0.

QCRA Attorney Comments

Update on the loan from Capital City bank. They have given a preliminary approval but only for one year. He is not really pleased with the terms being offered, looking for multiple years at least three. They have agreed to make it a true revolving line of credit unlike the straight-line previously done. Also checking with First Commerce.

QCRA Board Member Comments

Member Bass-Prieto – None

Member Canidate – None

Member Sapp – None

Chair Harris – Shared with the Manager his excitement about the upcoming year and see some of their hard work blossom, see downtown flourish.

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

Meeting adjourns at 5:00pm.