



**MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

*** COVID-19 NOTICE ***

Consistent with the California Governor’s Executive Order No. N-29-20, Resolution No. 79485 from the City of San José and the Santa Clara County Health Officer’s March 16, 2020 Shelter in Place Order, the City Council Committee meeting will not be physically open to the public and the Committee Members will be teleconferencing from remote locations.

ROLL CALL: 1:31 PM.

PRESENT: Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Chair; Councilmember Pam Foley, Vice Chair; Councilmember Raul Peralez, Councilmember Maya Esparza and Councilmember Lan Diep.

ABSENT: All present.

STAFF: Kim Walesh, City Manager's Office; Ed Moran, City Attorney’s Office; Kelly Kline, Mayor’s Office; and Louis Ósémwegie, City Clerk’s Office.

(b) REVIEW OF WORK PLAN

None presented.

(c) CONSENT CALENDAR

(1) Housing and Community Development Commission Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Accomplishments Report and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Work Plan. (Housing)).

Public comments: Blair Beekman commented on general planning meeting for this month. There were interesting ways to talk about this issue before covid 19 outbreak. We must make distinction between low income and affordable housing.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley to move approval, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez, and carried unanimously, the Housing and Community Development Commission Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Accomplishments Report and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Work Plan was accepted. (4-0-1. Absent: Esparza)

Access the video, the agenda, and related reports for this meeting by visiting the City's website at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/civiccentertv>. For information on any ordinance that is not hyperlinked to this document, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (408) 535-1266.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

(1) **Verbal Report on Economic Development Activities.** (Economic Development).

OED Public Information Manager, Elisabeth Handler presented highlights of the October edition of the SJ Economy E newsletter update on key projects, including twenty two thousand nine hundred and eighty four residential units are in some stage of the process; 3.2M square feet of commercial retail space and thirty two million square feet of commercial office space, and twenty six hundred hotel rooms are under construction. Among the City view project approved by the Council in June, two hundred park and murals are well underway. Several new downtown towers are now coming up, such as the DiNapoli on Almaden Boulevard tower, the West Banks Park Habitat Tower, the Tech Interactive expansion as well as Urban Catalysts. Additional information with detail is available on our blog post, as is information on why the gas conversion and all electric buildings are so important.

Also highlighted was update on what the City has been doing for businesses during the covid, including publicity and promotion all the possible ways in which businesses can secure funds to help weather the crisis when they were unable to open their doors. Several city-initiated fund campaigns not only make loans but grants available, together with webinar series and other forms of communications. One such city-initiated funding support programs is a rent relief program that the city is sponsoring in order to help businesses specifically deal with the overdue or outstanding rents that they must pay. The application deadline was September 22nd, and over 700 applications received funds.

Among the positive news, the LGBTQ+ community initiative launched a few weeks ago. Also, the Helen Gardens, (a local color initiative), brings a host amazing local artists into downtown to do exciting floral and other kind of botanical treatments of windows of vacant storefronts. They will be refreshed as needed until the rains start; they make our downtown streets a lot more attractive. Some of the communications related to covid includes posting the county's helpful graphic in multiple languages. We are continuing to provide information through flash reports, blog posts and e blasts email to more than 40000 businesses in town and encourage all businesses that are not receiving it to sign up through the service web site. Also, we invite people to check out sanjose.org, which is Team San José's web site for the most comprehensive listing of online activities and meetings and fun things people can do without leaving your home you.

Councilmember Maya Esparza joined the meeting at approximately 1:48PM.

Public comments: Blair Beekman stated that the Mural painting in several areas of the City is pretty and interesting, despite the barrenness of downtown now.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Pam Foley to move approval, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza, and carried unanimously, the Committee accepted the verbal report. (5-0)

(2) **Team San José Annual Report on Activities and Semi-Annual Performance Measure Update** (Economic Development).

Team San José Vice President for Research and Strategic Development Ben Rossi, Marketing and Communications Vice President Laura Chmielewski and Chief Operating Officer John LaFortune gave a presentation and responded to questions.

Public comments: Offering comments were Last four digits of phone number ending in **3770** and Blair Beekman.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Raul Peralez to move approval, seconded by Councilmember Maya Esparza, and carried unanimously, Team San José Annual Report on Activities and Semi-Annual Performance Measure Update was accepted. Team San Jose/Staff is directed to schedule a time within three months to provide activities update to the Committee, preferably during the January 2021 meeting. (4-0-1. Absent: Diep)

(3) **Verbal Report on Urban Village Plan Implementation.** (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)

Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Deputy Director Michael Brilliot, PBCE Planner II Brent Carvalho, and Division Manager Jared Hart gave a presentation and responded to questions.

Public comments: Last four digits of phone number ending in **3770** commented on downtown towers, stating that the city was crowded with people.

Action: Upon motion by Councilmember Lan Diep to move approval, seconded by Councilmember Raul Peralez, and carried unanimously, the Verbal Report on Urban Village Plan Implementation was accepted. (5-0.)

OPEN FORUM

1. Blair Beekman noted that public meeting is a forum for public discourse where we can practice debates and disagreements.
2. Last four digits of phone number ending in 3770 stated there are buildings everywhere in San Jose, and there's not enough livable space.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Johnny Khamis adjourned the meeting at 3:36 PM.



for Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Chair
Community and Economic Development Committee

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