



Economic Sustainability Commission

MINUTES of the March 8, 2023 regular meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair David Jessee, Vice Chair Jim Porto, Scott Powell, Nadia Taylor, Sheila Dalton, Jack Moracco, Randee Haven-O'Donnell, and Susan Romain

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Kenyatta Clark and Courtnei McWilliams

STAFF PRESENT: Jon Hartman-Brown, Staff Liaison

GUESTS PRESENT: Tyler Huntington

Chair Porto called the regular meeting to order at 6:12pm at Carrboro Town Hall.

1. Consider Minutes from the January 11, 2023 meeting

Ms. McWilliams moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Taylor with unanimous in-favor of the motion.

2. Committee and Staff Reports

a. Carrboro Business Alliance Update

There were no new items to report.

b. Racial Equity Commission Comprehensive Plan Review Update

There were no new items to report.

c. BIPOC Business Update

Mr. Hartman-Brown stated that there were not significant BIPOC business updates for the past period, but that programming is being developed for the coming year.

d. Staff Update

Mr. Hartman-Brown updated the Commission on the status of the Parking Study and the Disparity Study that staff have been working on.

3. Concept Plan for 603 Jones Ferry Road

Chair Jessee introduced the item and requested that Planning Staff send the Zoom link and recording out sooner. The Commission discussed how live-work units function, what uses would be allowed in the "work" portion of the units, whether there was enough parking to provide for both the living and customer/visitor needs of the units,

Mr. Porto motioned to make the following recommendations to the developer: concerns about uses of the office/services being too high impact land-use, not enough parking for both

residents and customers, what income levels the affordable housing units could serve, and encourage the developers to rethink their concept considering other areas of the community where similar projects have not been very successful. The motion was seconded by Chair Jessee with all voting in-favor of the motion.

4. Structed Parking Discussion

The Commission briefly discussed downtown parking, but in order to make time to discuss the revolving loan policy, tabled a full discussion on the item.

5. Revolving Loan Policy Review

Mr. Hartman-Brown updated and summarized the new revolving loan program policy. There was questions and discussions around using working capital for salaries.

6. Commission Announcements

There was no announcements for the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Porto to adjourn the meeting with members voting in-favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.