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**Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut**  
**Special Meeting- Thursday, October 14, 2021**

The Special Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 4:07pm via Zoom Meeting.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Winkel called the meeting to order at 4:07pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Jonathan Winkel, Stephen Fischer and Mark Diamond

Commissioners Absent: James Huerta and Margaret Feeney

Staff: Thomas Madden-Director Economic Development, John Varamo-Economic Development Analyst, Tommie Jackson, Assistant Director-URC, and Theresa Bowen, Office Manager-URC

**3. Building One Community- Dr. Anka Badurina, Executive Director**

Dr. Badurina introduced herself to the Commissioners and provided a brief history of Building One Community's mission of integrating immigrants and their families over the last ten years. They provide education, legal services, medical services, work development programs and provide citizenship classes.

**4. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes**

**a. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2021**

Chairman Winkel asked the Commissioners for the minutes to be tabled until the next meeting, as Commissioner Huerta had e-mailed that he had changes to the minutes.

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Chairman Winkel announced his resignation from the Commission effective immediately. He then turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Fischer to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

**6. Director's Report**

Mr. Madden stated he had no new business to report on and his report update are all items that are listed under Old Business.

**7. Old Business**

**a. University Zone Overlay**

Mr. Madden stated this item is going before the Zoning Board this week. This item is expected to move forward over the next month or two. This is being done in conjunction with a Fifty (50) million dollar Build Back Better Regional Challenge Grant as part of the Cares Act and will be tied in to a state Fifty (50) million dollars Innovations Corridors Grant.

**b. Minority Business Engagement Update**

Mr. Madden stated this part of item 7.d on the agenda and will be covered under the update for the Equitable Economic Recovery Study.

**c. Ordinance governing short term rentals in Stamford update**

Mr. Madden reported this item was pulled by the Board of Representative and will be resubmitted under the next administration.

**d. Equitable Economic Recovery Study**

Mr. Madden stated the draft report was sent to the Commissioners as part of their meeting packet. This lengthy report addresses numerous issues in the community with recommendations for procurement policy changes. The report consist of forming priorities, an overall vision for Stamford's recovery, specific policy analysis

**e. Film & TV Permit Book**

Mr. Madden stated the handout is going through a flow chart process and being reviewed with the different departments right now. A revised draft will be sent to the Commissioners for their edification.

**8. New Business**

**a. Census Tracking Report**

Mr. Madden stated he was unaware of this agenda item.

**b. Next Meeting**

**i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda**

**ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 4pm)**

Mr. Madden stated staff would be unavailable this day due to the holiday and Vice Chairman Fischer agreed to coordinate a Special Meeting for Tuesday, November 9.

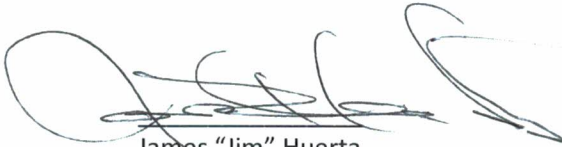
**9. Public Comment**

Dr. Tommie Jackson commented on The Advocate September article, regarding how Mayor Martin commented on how he would be hiring the Chief Information Officer position but not the Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer (DIO). Dr. Jackson found his remarks to be appalling that Mayor Martin found it unnecessary to fill the DIO at this time. He encouraged the Commission to send a letter of support for DIO position to the Mayor and the two Mayoral candidates.

**10. Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Fischer requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:41pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond with second from Commissioner Winkel. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Huerta', with a large flourish extending to the right.

James "Jim" Huerta,  
Secretary-Economic Development Commission