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**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford, Economic Development Commission, will be held via zoom/conference call. **The meeting will take place on the February 9th, at 4:00PM.**

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**Minutes**

- 1. Call to Order:** Ms. Feeney called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM
- 2. Roll Call:**
  - a. **Commissioners Present:** Ms. Feeney, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Diamond, Mr. Green, Mr. Louizos
  - b. **Staff:** Ms. Nadres, Ms. Kagan, Mr. Miller
  - c. **Guest:** Tommie Jackson
- 3. Margaret Feeney Introduction**
  - a. Ms. Feeney gave a brief introduction to EDC and how she sees the future of the EDC.
  - b. Noted the role of the EDC in the charter.
  - c. States that she will meet with Loren and Leah a week ahead of monthly EDC meeting to review Director's Report and what EDC needs to work on
  - d. Reach out individually to commissioners if they want to work more on certain projects. Wants to keep lines of communication open.

#### **4. Director's Report**

- a. Update from the Office of Economic Development
  - i. Hold for creation of EDC zoom hours for commissioners.
- b. Small Business Grant Program
  - i. Director Nadres shared an update on the Small Business Grant Program.
    - 1. \$1.5 million from the American Rescue Plan and she noted that the administration has decided to conduct the program in house, instead of with WBDC.
    - 2. Director Nadres lays out the criteria for small businesses to be able to apply. States that application will open in April, May selection committee will meet, and June will be the administration of grants.
  - ii. Ms. Feeney asks how the EDC can help make this successful
  - iii. Director Nadres states that one of the most important aspects will be the community outreach, getting the word out, and reaching out to different business communities.
  - iv. Mr. Louizos can connect with the Fairfield Bar Association as that is a good connection to a lot of lawyers who represent small businesses.
- c. Global Stamford
  - i. Director Nadres notes that the administration met with His Majesty's Trade Commissioner to North America here in Stamford.
  - ii. Notes that there has been good traction and will be meeting with future business delegations. Further notes she met with the Midlands and forming a city-to-city partnership with fintech and other business options.

#### **5. New Business**

- a. Commissioners agree to stick with the monthly Thursday meeting at 4:00 pm.

#### **6. Public Comment**

- a. Tommie Jackson states that he doesn't want the focus of the grant to be lost on small minority, women, and disadvantaged businesses.
  - i. Director Nadres calls up the slide about the requirements for small businesses and explains the process.

#### **7. Adjournment**

- a. Ms. Feeney asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fischer made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Diamond seconded the motion. The commission was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm.