

City of Albuquerque
Small Business
Regulatory Advisory Commission



Chair: Myra Ghattas
Vice Chairman: Tim Nisly

Ex-Officio Member: Synthia R. Jaramillo
City Legal: Leigh Brunner
Staff: D. Lara
M. Mitchell
D. Sayers
S. Romero

Commissioners: Paulette Baca
Matthew Biggs
Kenneth J. Carson
Cailyn Kilcup

August 3, 2021
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM
ED Conference Room – 11th Floor Civic Plaza

Join Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

I. Approval of minutes – Chair

MOTION to Approve May Minutes: COMMISSIONER Paulette Baca

SECOND by COMMISSIONER Tim Nisly

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

II. Additions/deletions to agenda – No changes/deletions

III. Introductions – No guests in attendance

IV. City Update – Director Jaramillo, Deputy Director Damian Lara, Sr. Economic Developer Monica Mitchell, and Small Business Office Manager David Sayers

- **Small Business + Entrepreneurial Grant Recovery Program – Monica**
 - New economic relief grant program available to local small businesses and non-profits within Albuquerque City limits, under 50 employees
 - Launches tomorrow 8/4 at 10:00am, first come first serve basis.
 - 6 different buckets of business grants
 - Family-Owned Business Grants
 - Mainstreet Business Grants
 - Arts & Entertainment Business Grants
 - Youth and Education Grants
 - Entrepreneurial/Start-ups
 - Hotel & Public Safety Grants.

- Entrepreneurs must be registered by July 15, 2021
- \$7.5 million, \$10k grants across board
- Application available at cabq.gov/recoverygrants
- Eligibility and Requirements discussed
- Small Business Office Upcoming Events – David Sayers, SBO Manager
 - Training Webinar for community partners regarding how to apply for grant today, 8/3/21 at 3pm via zoom.
 - Invitations sent to Community Partners.
 1. Organizations in the community to help people fill out grants and get word out about grants.

I. Committee Update

- Tim Nisley, Vice Chairman
 - Residential real estate very hot.
 - Trades are increasingly crunched, extreme pressure on trades.
- Cailyn Kilcup, Commissioner
 - Labor shortage and supply shortage.
 - Extreme pressure, Constant challenges
- Paulette Baca, Commissioner
 - Lots of delays with government projects.
 - Labor shortage in specialty trades; plumbers and electricians.
 - Business is struggling
- Matthew Biggs, Commissioner General labor shortage –
 - Switched more to manufacturing – can't find employees, using temp agency
 - Applied for federal grant – not approved
 - Business was picking up, but anticipate bad winter for restaurants due to Delta variant.
- Myra Ghattas, Chair
 - Business continuing to struggle.
 - Can't find employees, very challenging.
 - Costs/supplies have gone up. Suppliers are struggling – domino effect.
 - Thankful to CABQ EDD for what department does with grants and trying to help small businesses.
- Monica Mitchell, Sr. Economic Developer
 - PPE available to businesses in need; can arrange for delivery at EOC.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Monica to send update of City Council meeting on 8/2/21.
- Monica to place the following items on next agenda:
 - Rail Trail
 - Downtown

Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

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