

City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska

Economic Development Committee

September 8, 2021

5:00pm

Join by phone (only) through ZOOM:

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Meeting Id: 9078749282

PW: 99929

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Amendments to the Agenda
4. Conflicts of Interest
5. Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2020
6. Persons to be Heard
7. Correspondence:
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - a) Update regarding status of the former Institute Property Development
 - b) Update on Great American Outdoor Act
 - c) Update regarding Landless native selection
 - d) Update regarding the former 6 Mile mill site development
 - e) Update on Visitor Industry Branding
 - f) Wrangell 2020 (visioning process from 2008)
 - g) Workforce development
 - h) Work Plan for 2021-2023
10. Adjourn

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September 17, 2020

1:00- 3:00 pm Zoom Conference

MINUTES

11. Call to order 1:04

12. Roll Call: Bob Dalrymple, Joan Sargent, Julie Decker, Caitlin Cardinell, Brooke Leslie

13. Amendments to the Agenda

14. Conflicts of Interest: no changes

15. Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2020 and September 9, 2020

JD moves to approve 9/3

BD 2nd

Approved

JD moves to approve 9/9

CC 2nd

Approved

16. Persons to be Heard: none

17. Correspondence: none

18. Old Business: none

19. New Business

i) Status report \$390,000 is priority for EDC to spend.

j)

Household grant: Income cap requirement like USDA. But Staff do not have the ability to verify income requirements.

Housing unit vs household.

JS: if we just went with hh can verify occupants easier.

In 2016 number of crew member license holders 219.

For a family to benefit... nurse could keep job, but husband is affected. They should be eligible to apply. What about singles living together, they may have all been affected.

JD... \$500 first come first serve per HH... staff can keep putting money in there. Should be queued up to put money towards it.

BL.. likes that. Also do a program end date of Oct. 15 to reopen or reallocate funds if money is still available. Provide more incentive to get applications in.

JS Everything comes to a head on Nov. 1. Gives 2 months to get it out.

CC Keep deadline Nov 1.

\$500 per hh... without economic income level.. Need language that is first come first serve

Should it be tied to utility bill?

Challenge will be when you have several individual in household we will not be able to verify same household. Household will have a physical address/with utility bill

JD moves to approve the general hh grant, \$500 per household. CC 2nd

BL would like to note that roughly of the total funds that we have been given, we will have approved 60% of business Economic relief and emailing 40% for general relief

Approved Unanimous

JD moves to remove the voucher program for business and move into the general relief program

JS 2nd

BD with the vouchers... are we waiting for the chamber? Are businesses interested in participation?

BL it was to help with local incentivize. In theory, still support but it requires action for people to redeem at a business.

JD.. was hoping initially that Chamber would jump on this. Now they are down staff.

Approved.

JD would like the EDC to request the Assembly to add any money to grant programs beyond the \$915k if there are additional funds left that have not been expended

CC 2nd

JD.. Friendly amendent, asking them to give staff authority to disperse and manage grant funds come December.

Approved

Jacob Hale introduced self – General Mgr to City Market worked with NANA and helped with their economic efforts.

Fine with the application going live after email of final version.
EDC members, help spread the word.

JD suggest a biweekly email report grant applications and tentative meeting first week of November

20. Adjourn 2:13pm