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TOWN CENTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

There was a meeting for the above referenced commission held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Commissioners present were: James Michel, Chair; Julio Carrasquillo; Maura Riley

Commissioners absent were: Antoinette Gooley; Lenny Hudgen

Also present were:

- **Town Staff/Contractors**: Lynda Laureano, Assistant Director of Building & Land Use; Lynn Weisel, Recording Secretary
- **Goman + York**: Denise Robidoux

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Carrasquillo, seconded by Commissioner Riley, and approved unanimously to approve the 12/16/25 meeting minutes as written.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

Update from Goman + York and Town Staff on Town Center Status

Ms. Robidoux reported that Bloomfield's Community Investment Fund (CIF) application through DECD was not selected for funding. Comments from the CIF Board about the application have been received, and will be reviewed with Town staff. Round 9 of CIF Funding will open in late April, with a focus on grants that have not yet been funded. The Town will apply again.

There was a discussion as to why Bloomfield might not have been funded. The political nature of the process, the number of applications received, and the size of Bloomfield's request were noted. Ms. Robidoux detailed the behind-the-scenes work done to advocate for the grant.

Ms. Robidoux highlighted two recent congressional funding opportunities. The Town has applied for $4 million through Representative Larson's office toward the acquisition of property. If received, it would require a $4 million Town match. The Town has also applied for $12 million through the offices of Senators Murphy and Blumenthal for discretional funding. Answers for both grants are anticipated in June.

Ms. Robidoux reported that the Town has an open RFQ/RFP for developers to develop the Town Center, and noted that having a developer was a requirement from CIF in order to be eligible to receive CIF funding.

The Commission expressed frustration with not being involved in the development of the RFQ/RFP, as well as concerns about a lack of communication with the Commission. There was a discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Commission moving forward.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Carrasquillo, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsUv48-ywzw