ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

City Hall Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA

MINUTES
Thursday, September 5, 5:00pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**
   The meeting was called to order by Chair Montagh at 5:03pm.
   Members Present: Committee Member Charles, Committee Member Cheasty, Committee Member Goldman, Committee Member Sala, Committee Member Tiedemann, Chair Montagh
   Members Absent: Committee Member Cain

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 20, 2019
   Approved.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   None.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

   4-1. 1175 Solano Avenue
   Proposed tenant fell through. Space is still vacant.

   4-2. 536 Cleveland Avenue
   Albany Steel moved to Richmond, space should be marketable.

   4-3. 1080 Monroe Avenue
   AT&T and Stretch Lab will be occupying last vacancies in the University Village project.

   4-4. SB2 Housing Policy Update
   Jeff Bond provided an update in housing policy and the planning process for San Pablo Avenue.

   Bond provided an update – Solano Avenue has received a Great Places in California Award.

   Upcoming events include the Solano Stroll and Local Week, and the Best of Albany awards.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

   None.

6. **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

   6-1. Subcommittee Reports
   Business Improvement District: Cheasty
   No update.
   Farmer's Market: Charles, Sala

No update.
Marketing & Outreach: Montagh, Tiedemann
Waiting for staff to provide draft of materials to review.
Arts Committee Liaison: Goldman
Next Arts Committee meeting is next Monday.

6-1.   Review Draft Business Survey
The Committee provided feedback on the draft survey that staff will incorporate before distributing through the mail.

6-2.   Committee Discussion of Vacant Storefronts
The Committee discussed the best ways to address current vacancies and potential uses, including boutiques, a bookstore, a performance space, and destination restaurants.

7.   FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
The Committee discussed future agenda items, including an update on marketing materials.

8.   NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 3, 5:00pm
City Hall Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Ave.

9.   ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 5:54.