

**THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS
BUSINESS ALLIANCE COMMISSION (BAC)
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.
Meeting Room A
10025 Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights, IL**

Meeting was held via conference call

Committee Members in attendance – Chuck Daily, Bill Poletti, Michael Hagen, Samantha Carter, & Van Johnson

Committee Members absent – Don Barkley, Robert Triplett, Charles Kassly, & Richard Avdoian

Other Aldermen and Elected Officials in attendance – Pat Baeske

Staff in attendance – Paul Ellis and Andrea Riganti

Citizen's Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

No minutes to be approved

Special Report: Business Assistance Program

Director Paul Ellis reported on the review of the Business Assistance Program.

Director of Land Use and Development Andrea Riganti reported on recommendations for revitalization of the program. The Commission discussed the following:

- Percentage amount
- Definition of small business in Fairview Heights
- Small business Start-up Program loans
- Commitment of three years
- Risk management/back ground checks
- Economic Development Strategy

Land Use and Development Director's Report

Director Andrea Riganti presented her report.

Economic Development Director's Report

Paul Ellis presented his report and touched base on the following items:

- Reaching out to businesses

- Metro East Incubator is there for businesses as they grow. State of IL is ready to release the \$100,000 that was budgeted for this in the State budget and everything has been submitted. Once money is received a virtual incubational process.
- Where we want to be in the future in the Regional Center of Southern Illinois.

Monthly Revenue Report

Director Ellis presented the sales tax report. Two months in a row, year over year there has been an increase in revenues, but with COVID-19 orders in place revenue will be way down.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted By:


Kathy Frawley, Recorder