

Incentive Review Committee Meeting MINUTES 2:00 PM on May 20, 2021 Zoom Meeting

Committee Attendees: Susan Prince, Daniel Parra, Dan Mallon, Ken Sonner

Staff: Cindy Rivarde, Richelle Wilson, Martha Jimenez

Not Present: Kimberly Kelley

1. Welcome and Introduction - Call to Order 2:05 PM

2. Discussion Items

i. Introduction:

- 1. Operational Items:
 - a. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. ACTION: Ms. Prince made a motion to accept the April 7th, 2022 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Daniel Parra and passed unanimously by the committee.
- 2. MOVE/Expansion Program
 - a. NeroVision
 - New healthcare business that focuses on head trauma patients with traumatic brain injury/concussion, strokes and neurodegenerativee disorders.
 - ii. Leasing 3,000 SF on a 5-year lease
 - iii. Adding 2 employees and expect to add up to 8 employees by year 3

b. Protect A Child Fencing

- i. Sale and installation of a mesh pool fence system to protect babies and children from drowning
- ii. Leased 1,200 SF at 1174 TAFT ST

- iii. Only location and will have 2 employees, projected to add 5 employees by year 3
- c. ACTION: Mr. Mallon made a motion to approve both applicants for the full amount they qualify for and was seconded by Ms. Prince and passed unanimously by the committee.

3. Small Business Impact Fund Program -

a. Ms. Wilson went over the Small Business Impact Fund spreadsheet that provided detailed information for each applicant.

b. Chaney Communications

- i. Chaney Communications is a marketing firm located in Rockville, Maryland that serves smalland medium-sized companies, universities, and entrepreneurs nationwide
- ii. Located at Regus in Town Center
- iii. Their financials were reviewed by Martha & her documents are compliant with the requirements
- iv. Use of funds will include: Website revamp, hiring additional staff (Operations Mgr, PT Executive Assistant & SM intern)
- v. They requested \$75K, but or recommendation to the committee is \$50K

c. Cottage Monet

- i. Cottage Monet is a specialty shop located in Town Square
- ii. Cottage Monet has received the SBIF grant three times prior and this is their fourth time applying
- iii. Funds will be used to: Further develop social media campaigns and photography, enhance and continue to improve the company website and maintenance; repairs and display replacements

d. Cutesy Celebrations

- Begun in 2007 Cutesy celebrations and Boutique is a business focused on families looking for regular activities for their kids, such as playdays, special classes, and a unique offer for their special events like Birthdays parties, graduations
- ii. They also pride themselves as an inclusive business that creates concepts for all income levels

iii. Funds will be used towards advertising expenses, contract labor expenses, & educational materials for activities

e. Pour Vino n"Hops

- i. Pour Vino n' Hops is a full-service retail merchant of Beer, fine wines with sit-down environment, tastings.
- ii. Funds will be used towards working capital for sales growth, primarily accounts receivable, inventory, rent, job training, and marketing.
- iii. It was recommended that they speak to Martha concerning some of their needs.
- 4. The committee did not vote on any of the SBIF applicants and opted to adjourn this meeting and meet again to discuss the applications and make final decisions.

Adjourn: 2:07 PM

Next meeting: TBD

Next Application Deadline: April 30, 2022