Economic Opportunity Committee Meeting
March 16, 2021, 5:00 pm
(Meeting is being held online due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic)
Meeting Minutes
FINAL/APPROVED

Present:	Aashish Karkhanis
	Rene Colorado, Jr.
	Iris Lee
	Susie McKinnon
	Ross Stackhouse
	Wendie Yeung
	Helen Bean, TLCBD Staff
	Lorraine Lewis, TLCBD Staff
	Alicia Seleska, TLCBD Staff
Guests:	Donna Hilliard, Code Tenderloin
	Del Seymour, Code Tenderloin
	Karen-Symone Lee, Tenderloin Merchants Association

1. Call to Order. Welcome and Introductions

A. Karkhanis called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm; introductions followed.

2. Status Update and Information Sharing: Guest Presentation

D. Seymour began their presentation by sharing that part of Code Tenderloin's goal is to provide active case management to everyone in the neighborhood interested in their services. They aim to connect case managers with a maximum of 10 clients.

D. Hilliard added that Code TL works with people on the ground level and helps them advance to become computer literate and gain basic job skills. They offer classes and training that could feed into TLCBD's jobs pipeline.

3. Action: Approve January & February Minutes

MOTION: Review and approve the draft minutes of the January Meeting.
Moved by: A. Karkhanis
Seconded by: W. Yeung
Abstained: S. McKinnon
Passed: yes

MOTION: Review and approve the draft minutes of the February Meeting.
Moved by: A. Karkhanis
Seconded by: S.McKinnon
Abstained: W. Yeung
Passed: yes

4. Status Update and Information Sharing

A. Karkhanis shared that TLCBD has received the okay to utilize Facente Consulting to help with the survey work.

L. Lewis added that they are revisiting the survey. As a next step she and H. Bean will be meeting with the consultant to revisit the objective of the survey to make it more manageable in terms of the quantity and interactions with the business owners.

W. Yeung advised that it would be useful to have Facente aid in making the survey results more actionable and easy to share out with potential funders if the contract allows.

5. Information Sharing Reports: Economic Opportunity Work

L. Lewis reported that a smaller group has been meeting to discuss an overall plan for reopening--what's needed, what's happening, and how to support. The group is also currently working with an approved grant for anti-vandalism (revitalizing businesses that have been vandalized via a partnership with Paint the Void to paint murals on boarded up windows until they're replaced) and partnering with SF New Deal and 3 Tenderloin restaurants to provide meals to CBOs in the neighborhood to address food insecurity.

H. Bean shared that they're finishing up the CDBG mini-grants; they have awarded grants to 2 businesses and are working with 2 more before this is closed out. The SF Shines grant is the next, continuing project. At the end of March there will be a significant grant program from the City which will give the Tenderloin more money than it has ever seen.

I. Lee shared she's working on the SF Shines grant and is currently working with 4 businesses on negotiating rent and leases, as well as working with 1 business that is expanding their kitchen.

6. Status Update and Information Sharing: TLCBD-TEDP Merger

[Action: A. Seleska to send reminder email to S. Bertrang and A. Karkhanis to schedule time to transfer Google account.]

[Action: A. Seleska and L. Lewis to remind S. Bertrang to add TEDP tax return and RRF-1 filing to the Executive Committee's agenda.]

7. Update: Future Committee Meeting Plan
The Committee will continue to meet monthly for now. A. Karkhanis reminded the Committee that it's Board recruiting season and they should be talking to contacts and trying to pull a diverse group from their own networks.

[Action: L. Lewis will meet with A. Karkhanis and/or W. Yeung to discuss the reporting sheet previously utilized by TEDP which TLCBD will be implementing.]

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Next Economic Opportunity Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 14, 5:00 pm | Online - Zoom