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## **CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

## **Economic Development Commission**

## **AGENDA**

DATE: Tuesday, July 11, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** City Hall, Room 204. This is a hybrid meeting. The public may attend in-person or virtually via Zoom online at <a href="https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/82413937588">https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/82413937588</a> or by calling +13092053325,,82413937588#

- 1. Attendance
- 2. Approval of minutes
- 3. City Updates & EDC Discussion
  - a. Facilitate Owning & Operating Businesses
    - i. Small Business & Sustainability: guest speaker
    - ii. Update: Brew Pubs & Bottling
  - b. Strengthen Village Centers
    - i. Update from June 26 ZAP Public Meeting
    - ii. Letter of Support for Village Center Overlay Districts
  - c. Increase Newton's commercial tax base
    - i. Update: Riverside
    - ii. Debrief on UMass Mount Ida
  - d. DEI
- i. Nominations for the 10th Annual Barry M. Portnoy Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards
- 4. Next meeting: August 8, 2023
- 5. Adjournment

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