



City of Newton, Massachusetts  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

TIME: 7 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall, Room 204; online at  
<https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/82975753407>; and  
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1. Attendance
2. Approval of minutes
3. City Updates
  - a. Assisting Newton's small businesses
  - b. Major real estate development projects
  - c. Village Center Zoning updates
  - d. Washington Street Pilot: business outreach
  - e. Outdoor dining season 2024
  - f. DEI Consultant status
  - g. Industrial Zoning: next steps
  - h. Crosswalk signals and Newton's employment clusters
4. EDC Subgroups + Discussion
  - a. Economic Strategy
  - b. Business Listings
  - c. rDNA permitting
5. Other/New Business
6. Adjournment

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