

City of Newton, Massachusetts

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

City Clerk

AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday, July 9, 2024

TIME: 7 p.m.

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PLACE: City Hall, Room 204. Remote participation is available online at https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/81651360996, or by telephone at +13017158592,,81651360996#

- 1. Attendance
- 2. Guest Speaker: Newtonville resident Jesse Baerkahn, president and founder of retail advisory firm Graffito SP, will discuss the needs of small business tenants and the challenges of commercial real estate.
- 3. Approval of the June meeting minutes
- 4. Economic Strategy update
- 5. Business-friendly zoning updates
- 6. City updates
- 7. Adjournment

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