

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE:** M. Evette Brantley, Co-Chair; Milta Feliciano, Co-chair;  
Aidee Nieves, Jeanette Herron, Michelle Lyons (5:33 p.m.);  
Eneida Martinez (5:41 p.m.)

**OTHERS:** Rena Gupta, Grants Department; Albertina Baptista, Bridgeport  
Health Department.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Member Brantley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

**120-15 Grant Submission re: 2016 Healthy Corner Store Initiative State Grant. (Project #16387)**

Ms. Gupta came forward and distributed a Budget Breakout information sheet on the Health Corner Store Grant for the East End. She gave a brief overview of the grant goals. She said that the staff from the State will provide training for the bodega owners.

*Council Member Lyons joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m.*

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO ENTER THE DOCUMENT TITLED BUDGET BREAKOUT AS EXHIBIT 06-20016-01.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Feliciano said that she would have preferred to see the money for the fresh fruits and vegetables. Ms. Gupta said that the cash register and awning were chosen by the previous Health Director.

Ms. Baptista said that she had worked on this project with the previous Health Director. It is evident that the residents of the East End have not had a full scale grocery store for 30 years. Council Member Herron said that she had been in these stores and the refrigeration units were not working properly. The fruits and vegetables were moldy, so the Health Department came in and repaired the units. Now the store is doing better, so she felt that it would be good project. The Health Department staff member pointed out that this reduces the carbon footprint. Prior to the health corner stores initiative, people either bought what was available or paid \$13 or \$15 one way for a taxi to a large grocery store.

*Council Member Martinez joined the meeting at 5:41 p.m.*

Council Member Brantley asked if there were matching funds and if there was any possibility of forming food co-ops where the people all chip in to purchase food in bulk. Council Member Brantley said that there had been a proposal to do this, but it had not progressed very far. Ms. Gupta gave a brief overview of the Food Sharing programs.

Council Member Lyons said that she had a comment about the grants and felt that this was a great thing for people.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 120-15 GRANT SUBMISSION RE: 2016 HEALTHY CORNER STORE INITIATIVE STATE GRANT. (PROJECT #16387).**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HERRON MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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