



Economic Development Committee

Regular Meeting

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Susan Kacoyannakis
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Thursday, November 17, 2016

3:30 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

I. New Section

Attendance: Councilors Orlando Ramos and Bud Williams

Bob McCarroll, Dave Gaby, Steve Gray, Phil Dromey, Steve Desilets, Kathy Buono, Tina Quagliato, Tasheena Davis, Gerry McCafferty, Lisa DeSousa, Greg Ellerbee

Councilor Williams stated that the Ordinance is a working document to get the conversation started in order to preserve Historic Buildings instead of tearing them down. Bob McCarroll said there needs to be more money in rehab instead of tearing buildings down. Phil Dromey stated that the City's first process is to offer rehab opportunities. Kathy Buono said 80% of City is CDGB eligible. Lisa DeSousa answered Councilor Ramos regarding the demo process by explaining the City owned property and non-City owned property, emergency and non emergency. Tina Quagliato stated that the Historic Commission has to approve demolition of any building over 100 years old. The Committee will meet again to discuss this issue on December 1.