

City of Forest Park
Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
Held via Teleconference
April 29, 2020

- Call to Order:** Lois Wright called meeting to order at 5:30 PM
- Present:** Chairperson – Lois Wright; Alvin Patton; Frank Brandon; Eliot Lawrence; Trudy Smith; James Hurtado.
- Also Present:
Bruce Abraham, Economic Development Director
Mike Williams, City Attorney
Danita Hamid, Economic Development Assistant
Kimberly James, Councilwoman
- Absent: Vice Chair, Pamela Lake
- Discussion: Rent Moratorium for Tenants** Lois Wright suggested forgiving tenants' rent due to the loss of business caused by the COVID19 pandemic.
- Mike Williams provided the board members with information about how the moratorium would go into effect.
- Board members were open to this idea and thought forgiving tenants' rent until Forest Park reopened was the best option.
- No action needed.
- Approval of Minutes: April 17, 2020** Trudy Smith motioned to approve minutes with corrections
- Eliot Lawrence seconded motion.
Motion approved unanimously.
- Project Infinity – REBA Grant Update** Bruce Abraham provided an update on the status of the REBA Grant application, which was discussed at the board's meeting on April 17, 2020.
- Kroger is planning to expand their facility at the Gillem Logistics Center and, if awarded, the REBA Grant will assist with funding the expansion project. The grant application was completed by LaShawn Gardiner, Management Analyst, with assistance from the Economic Development Department and Kroger

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representatives.

The application has been submitted for review.

No action needed.

**Introduction of DA
Assistant**

Bruce Abraham introduced the board to Danita Hamid.

Danita Hamid is the Economic Development Assistant and will be assisting the board with record keeping and note taking during board meetings.

No action needed.

Adjournment

Trudy Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Frank Brandon seconded the motion.
Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM