

Borough of Lansdowne

**Economic Development Meeting
March 9 2022 – 6:00 pm**

- I. Call to Order —The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. In attendance at the meeting were Councilmembers Robert Curry, Sinoe Naji-Taylor, and Mayor Magda Byrne; Staff Members in attendance were Borough Manager and Director of Code Enforcement. Also, in attendance were Deb Brodeur, Executive Director and Bill Brown, Chair of the LEDC Board

- II. Old Business
 - a. Lansdowne Arts and Cultural Council Update—Plan to meet with representatives in arts organizations to develop a Lansdowne Arts Council.
 - b. CDBG updates/ America Rescue Plan update—Mr. Totaro reported on the McKinley Tot Lot contractors meeting with engineers and County Council. The Committee recommends using a portion of ARP funds to supplement CDBG and DCNR funds.
 - c. LEDC Updates: Farmer’s Market and Contract—The contracts are nearly complete for both the LEDC contract and Farmer’s Market contract.
 - d. LBPA Updates—none at this time
 - e. Code Enforcement—Mike Jozwiak discussed the efforts in code enforcement. No major issues reported
 - f. Comprehensive Plan—The comprehensive plan continues to move forward with sections on Land use, recommendations concerning historic preservation.
 - g. NV5 Design—Discussion of stakeholder meeting and next steps.
 - h. Historic Lansdowne Theater-Parking Plan—
 - i. Gateway Slope—Committee discussed the status of the project and whether the project would be ready in time for the opening.
 - j. Certified Local Government—Committee members discussed the benefits of Certified Local Government in focusing on supporting the preservation of historic districts and applying for grants to hire an architect to support applicants.

- III. Public Comment: Habitat for Humanity representatives discussed the project in Lansdowne and next steps. Councilmembers asked about the programs provided by Habitat. Invited Habitat to Earth Day. Habitat members who attended: Rebecca Cain, Glenn Coughenour

- III. New Business
 - a. Fair Housing Month Resolution—The committee voted to support the Fair Housing Month resolution and encourage LEDC, Boards and Commissions, and Councilmembers to attend.