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ALBANY REVITALIZATION AGENCY
AGENDA

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Immediately following the City Council meeting

This meeting will be conducted virtually. Join the meeting at:

<https://www.gotomeet.me/cityofalbany/ccm>

Or call in (audio only): 1-646-749-3129 Access code: 491-970-829

1. CALL TO ORDER (Vice Chair Bessie Johnson)
2. ROLL CALL
3. SCHEDULED BUSINESS
 - a. Election of Chair.
Action: _____
 - b. Election of Vice Chair.
Action: _____
 - c. Appointments to the CARA Advisory Board. [Pages **2-6 2-8**]
Action: _____
4. NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 20, 2021
5. ADJOURNMENT

Due to Governor Brown's Executive Orders limiting public gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting is accessible to the public via phone and video connection.



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TO: Albany Revitalization Agency

VIA: Seth Sherry, Economic Development Manager

FROM: Holly Roten, Central Administrative Officer/PIO *HR*

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Why is downtown Albany important to you?

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Are there significant changes you would encourage for our community's urban renewal district?

Improvements to the waterfront and opportunities to create affordable housing.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this advisory board and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

Yes

If there are currently no vacancies for this advisory board, would you like your application kept on file for the remainder of this recruitment period?

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Residential Information:	
Home Address: <u>[REDACTED]</u> <u>Albany, Oregon</u>	Phone: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Cellular: <u>[REDACTED]</u>
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