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Page 3 RIO NUEVO MULTIPURPOSE FACILITIES DISTRICT CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome to 80-degree Christmas in Tucson. We'll call this meeting to order. 4 Brandi has our virtual flag. Corky, do you want to give it a shot --5 MR. POSTER: Sure. 6 7 **CHAIRMAN McCUSKER:** -- and lead the pledge? 8 MR. POSTER: Okay. BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM 9 (Pledge of Allegiance) Tucson, Arizona MR. MARQUEZ: Beautiful. 10 December 17, 2024 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: That was the best ever. 11 1:02 p.m. MS. COX: That was the best ever. 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I think we nominate Corky 13 14 as the official --**MS. COX:** Corky is now the official. 15 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Brandi, you can call the 16 17 roll. MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Corky Poster. 18 MR. POSTER: Here. 19 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Richard Oseran. 20 REPORTED BY: Thomas A. Wopper AZ CCR No. 50476 21 MR. OSERAN: Here. MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Edmund Marquez. 22 FINK & ASSOCIATES 6095 East Grant Road Tucson, Arizona 857 (520)624-8644 23 MR. MAROUEZ: Here. MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Tanya Villicana. 85712 24 MS. VILLICANA: Present. 25 Page 2 Page 4 1 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Jannie Cox? 1 Fletcher McCusker, Chair MS. COX: Here. 2 Edmund Marquez, Vice Chair MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Shay Jimenez. 3 3 Chris Sheafe, Treasurer MS. JIMENEZ: Here. 4 4 Taunya Villicana, Secretary MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Chris Sheafe. 5 5 6 Jannie Cox 6 MR. SHEAFE: Here. Sharayah Jimenez 7 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Fletcher McCusker. 7 Corky Poster CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I'm here. 8 8 9 Richard Oseran 9 Mr. Levin let us know he's ill. Fun time to be sick, at Christmas. We wish him well and to get better 10 11 ALSO PRESENT: 11 soon. Ms. Brandi Haga-Blackman, Administrative Director You have the transcribed minutes in front of 12 12 Mr. Mark Collins, Board Counsel 13 you. They're verbatim unless somebody wants to make a 13 Mr. Timothy Medcoff, Board Counsel change. If not, I would just need a motion to approve. 14 Mr. Dan Meyers, CFO MS. COX: So moved. 15 15 * * * MR. POSTER: Second. 16 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All in favor say aye. 17 17 (Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously). BE IT REMEMBERED that a meeting of the Board of 18 18 **CHAIRMAN McCUSKER:** Thank you for that. 19 Directors of the Rio Nuevo Multipurpose Facilities 19 This is the time set aside for executive 20 District was held via ZOOM, in the City of Tucson, State 20 of Arizona, before THOMAS A. WOPPERT, RPR, Certified session. I just need a motion to recess. 21 MS. COX: So moved. 22 Reporter No. 50476, on the 17th day of December 2024, 22 commencing at the hour of 1:02 p.m. 23 MS. VILLICANA: Second. **CHAIRMAN McCUSKER:** All in favor say aye. 24 24 25 (Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously). 25

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CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: If you're an attendee,

- 2 we're going to go to executive session for about an hour.
- 3 You can stay here or come back. We should be done right
- 4 around 2 00 o'clock.
- 5 Members, click out of this meeting, click on
- 6 your executive session link.
- (Recess)
- 8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I need a motion to
- g reconvene. Please, motion to reconvene.
- 10 MR. SHEAFE: So moved.
- 11 MS. COX: Second.
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All in favor say aye.
- 13 (Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously).
- 14 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Thank you, everyone, for
- 15 waiting. We have a lot of people with a hard stop today,
- 16 so we're going to get through this quickly.
- From me, happy holidays. I hope you enjoy some 18 of the events downtown. The ice rink stays up until
- 19 January 6th. An unbelievable parade last week, Tucson
- 20 Meet Yourself, the street fair. It's really a cool time
- 21 downtown, and the weather, of course, is fabulous.
- Dan, we have some news from ADOR, so I'll turn
- 23 it over to you.
- MR. SHEAFE: Dan, he wants to hear about the
- **25** 1.6.

- ndee, 1 distribution looks like it's going to be a little over
 - 2 1.6 million. Our budget is 1.4 for all of our
 - 3 projections.
 - So that's pretty much it unless somebody's got any specific questions.
 - MR. SHEAFE: That's pretty good news aboutNovember.
 - **MS. COX:** Very good news.
 - 9 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: What's the total year to 10 date now. Dan?
 - **MR. MEYERS:** I don't have that handy, Fletcher.
 - 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay.
 - **MR. MEYERS:** You know, I think we're probably
 - **14** averaging a little over 1.5, 1.6 for the first four months **15** of this fiscal year.
 - 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So it's headed to be a
 - 17 record year. And it looks like next year will be bigger.
 - 18 There's a lot of stuff on the horizon that keeps
 - 19 generating sales tax. That's our bread and butter.
 - Okay. So if you don't mind, I'm going to
 - 21 switch the order so that Nic can make her doctor's
 - 22 appointment.
 - So, Drea, if you're ready, let's talk about the
 - 24 small business grant program. It has launched, you have
 - 25 people responding, so if you just kind of want to give us

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- 1 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Just go through your drill,
- 2 but touch on --
- 3 MS. COX: Dan, can I ask you to -- can you make
- 4 that larger, please?
- 5 Thank you. That's very -- that's great.
- 6 Thanks.
- 7 **MR. MEYERS:** Brandi gets the credit for that.
- 8 Okay. So as of November 3rd, our operating
- 9 accounts had about \$11.3 million in them. We got close to
- 10 700. We have to restrict for the December 1st mortgage
- 11 payment, our debt service payment, leaving about 10.6
- 12 available.
- Because of the Thanksgiving -- late
- 14 Thanksgiving, we didn't get the typical second check run
- 15 in November, so I've deducted \$175,000 for that, and then
- 16 we approximate about \$350,000 a month of cash flow, which
- 17 is 4.2 million, coming to an anticipated -- or available
- 18 cash flow -- cash of \$14.6 million the next year.
- Down below you can see the commitment summary.
- 20 What's remaining on our current commitments, about
- 21 11.5 million. It looks like about a million of that will
- 22 be outside of one year, so our commitments as they stand
- 23 for the next year are about 10.5 million. That difference
- 24 is about 4.1 million.
- I just heard today that our October TIF

- ${\bf 1}\;$ an update on where the program is, what the response has
- 2 been, anything we can do to help you.
- So, Andrea, introduce yourself and Nic and take it away.
- 5 **MS. THOMPSON:** Yeah. Thank you so much for 6 having me.
- 7 I'm Drea Thompson, and i have Nic Dahl here as
- 8 well. I'm the president and CEO of Groundswell Capital.
- 9 And so I just wanted to just very quickly --
- 10 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Could you connect the dots
 11 for us to the IDA? We're a little confused about the
 12 IDA and Groundswell.
- MS. THOMPSON: Yes. I have a whole slide on that, so absolutely. And I'll just go ahead and start
- 14 that, so absolutely. And I if just go
- 16 Can you clarify the role of the Tucson IDA.
- 17 All right. So Groundswell Capital was launched by the
- **18** Tucson IDA. Groundswell Capital is a 50(c)(3) nonprofit.
- 19 We have an independent board, independent bylaws and
- 20 mission is really to focus on creating access to capital,
- 21 so we are -- Groundswell Capital is a lender, nonprofit 22 lender.
- The Tucson IDA is a non-profit political
- 24 subdivision of the state of Arizona connected more to Rio
- 25 Nuevo, and so the relationship between the two

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1 organizations right now is Tucson IDA is helping to get

2 Groundswell Capital up and off the ground, so we have a

- 3 management agreement, so Tucson IDA helps support with
- 4 some of the expenses of Groundswell Capital. But that's
- 5 how they are. They are independent, but also there is --
- 6 there is a connection between the two nonprofits.

So the Tucson IDA is subject to the gift clause 8 and so is not a granting organization, and so Groundswell

- Capital as a 501(c)(3), that's independent, is able to
- provide the grants, and so through this partnership was
- able to deploy the Rio Nuevo Small Business Grant Program.
- 12 MR. MARQUEZ: Drea, this is Edmund. So just a quick question. So the Tucson IDA is subject to the gift
- 14 clause, so Groundswell Capital is a sole and separate
- 501(c)(3) in which the individuals who manage the Tucson
- IDA are managing Groundswell, which again is a separate
- 501(c)(3)? 17
- MS. THOMPSON: Yeah, precisely. And, again,
- independent board, independent bylaws, independent
- operating and management agreements that we've created.
- As of now there is connection between them, but they are
- separate entities. And as Groundswell grows and develops,
- that will be even more divided.
- **MR. MARQUEZ:** Thank you. 24
- 25 **MS. THOMPSON:** So just like that, so 501(c)(3)

1 really ensuring that there's -- that there's full

2 understanding and knowledge of the access to programs that

we have in our community.

We also have a small business loan fund that's 5 going to open. Again, it doesn't require credit or

collateral. That's another program that we're running

called Semillas right now.

But this is the program of the hour that we're 9 really excited to share about, this partnership that we 10 have with Rio Nuevo, small business, big ideas, these 11 impact grants, so I just wanted to clarify kind of what our role was within this.

So this is really Rio Nuevo's funding vision. 13 We're here to just kind of --

(Discussion off the record)

MR. MEDCOFF: Marcel, you need to --

MR. DABDOUB: Sorry. Sorry. 17

MS. THOMPSON: So really we took the guidance 19 and instructions from Rio Nuevo and put those into a user

friendly bilingual application. We developed logo, website design and hosting, flyers, digital media,

campaigns, grass roots requirements and outreach in order

to really ensure full visibility. We also provide

24 technical assistance and referrals for applicants. And

25 then we facilitate a selection committee, so we don't make

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1 non-profit. Since we've launched in 2022, we've disbursed 2 over 2.7 million to small businesses and micro businesses

- 3 in the city of Tucson. I would say our specialty is
- 4 really connecting with hard to reach populations who are
- 5 traditionally left out of the banking system.

Because the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of 7 Johnson & Johnson has supported us, our loans, we're able

- 8 to take a little bit more risk, and so we don't require
- 9 credit or collateral with the loans that we disburse, so
- 10 it adds more flexibility and really focuses on populations
- 11 that are just trying to get their foot in the door. And
- so that as we can support them with technical assistance,
- financial education, they are then able to go on and be

more of a, quote, unquote, bankable company.

In 2024 we also -- so in addition to loans, we 15 also did a 500,000-dollar grant program called Change

- Makers. And so we learned a lot in this experience. We
- had over 545 small businesses apply to this grant
- application. And one of the things we really wanted to
- focus on was language accessibility, and so 20 percent
- 21 were -- were in Spanish applications, which was really
- 22 great. We did a ton of outreach and support. We did over
- 23 1,500 folks. We've canvassed and directly shared about
- 24 the program, so we have a lot of experience with grass
- 25 roots recruitment. I'm getting out into the community and

1 the final determinations, but we really ensure that all of the pieces of the puzzle are in place.

And then we do an initial qualifications check, 4 because you'll see there's been a lot of excitement, a lot of interest, a lot of applications, so our job is to kind

of filter through and make sure that everybody who is rising to the selection question is qualified. It's a -you know, a full application.

On the financial management side, we gather the 10 financials and data, including the W-9 and tax 11 information, so for ongoing reporting purposes,

collecting -- all the different data pieces that need to

be there in our plant management system. We also do the 14 grant disbursements and tracking, reporting and follow up.

So applications have gone live December 1st. 15 16 You can go to groundswellcapital.org/rionuevo and you can

find all the information on there. The site is fully

bilingual, the application is fully bilingual. You are 19 able to -- there's FAQs, example grants so that you can

follow along. We really try to make it as easy as

possible to understand what are the requirements so that

22 individuals can apply, and apply they have.

We've also scheduled two times monthly online 24 digital info sessions in both Spanish and English. The 25 first one launched today. And then we also have in-person

office hours, so if you need a little extra support with
 your grant, you can swing by our office -- our brand-new
 office, we're very excited about that, and you can get
 that one-to-one support as well.

So applications, as I mentioned, we're planning to do it in tranches so that we can ensure that not just, you know, everybody in December who knows about it is going to get it, but we're going to sort of spread it out between now and the applicant and the funding deadline, which is June, so we'll have a couple different tranches and opportunities.

If you don't make it in the first round, your obligation will just roll over to the next one and we'll gather any additional information, but you don't have to totally reapply.

So the first application window is December 1st to January 23rd. We currently have 85 applications already and we anticipate that to double or triple by the time we get to January 23rd given that a lot of people in Tucson do like to do things at the last minute.

Things that we're currently working on is the selection committee and the development of that and in partnership with Rio Nuevo, and then marketing and media campaigns are ongoing, different radio, press, those types of things, and those activities will be throughout this

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1 **CHAIRMAN McCUSKER:** Don't tell us the 2 applicant's name, but examples.

MS. THOMPSON: That's what I was -- I don't
think it would be good to say the actual applicant's name.
Okay. So I can -- let me open up our portal and kind of
look at what some of them are.

MS. DAHL: Barber shops, restaurants, startups.

8 There's someone doing a startup of healthy (inaudible)

9 tortillas looking to launch in Rio Nuevo. There's been

10 accountants. It's really, like Drea said, across the

11 gamut a really wide-range selection.

MS. THOMPSON: Would say a lot of retail, a lot of restaurants, juice bars. Yeah, I would -- I would say the majority falls into service or restaurant, and then there's a couple other ones that are sort of that hair care, skin care type of thing. Yeah, those are kind of some of the major ones that I'm looking at as I'm kind of scrolling through some of these.

MS. JIMENEZ: There was a question, too, aboutretail. Do you have any retail examples?

MS. THOMPSON: Yeah, we have a number of clothing stores, jewelry stores, salons I've mentioned, a couple of tech companies as well. And then the one that we also wanted to -- there's a number sort of in the mobile food truck type of area, so that was one that we

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1 entire season.

2 We're just really grateful for this

3 partnership. I kind of want to open it up to different4 questions and any other pieces of information that would

5 be helpful for you, the board, to understand what's

6 happened, what is this program and how we can ensure this7 is really successful for Rio Nuevo.

8 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Can you talk about the type
9 of applicants you're seeing? Are they existing
10 businesses, not existing? Are they proprietary business?
11 Kind of what's the gamut of those 85 applications you've
12 received already?

MS. THOMPSON: Yeah. Some of the businesses you're definitely going to recognize. They're, you know, 15 Rio Nuevo businesses that have been in the Rio Nuevo District for a long time. Some of them are new and upcoming ideas or more kind of in that startup phase, some of them have launched but are just in the early days, so there's a pretty big spread of the businesses that we've been seeing so far. We have not -- we have not fully kind of broken down that data because these are coming in very quickly.

MR. SHEAFE: Well, do you -- I think what Fletcher's question was, just name off some specific examples, individual business applications.

1 wanted to kind of get some clarify on to ensure, you know,2 how exactly we want to handle that.

MR. SHEAFE: When you have people that you're putting on your selection committee, what is their assigned task? What criteria are they using to make selections?

7 MS. THOMPSON: Yeah, we have an established 8 rubric, so you get points for different types of things, 9 impact, you know, so we have an established rubric that 10 we've worked on. We can make sure that that aligns with 11 Rio Nuevo, so they would use that -- score those companies 12 against that rubric.

MR. POSTER: This is Corky. I know that you've had some questions about whether the selected applicants need to hold a strict line toward producing sales tax within the district of Rio Nuevo. And I'll just speak personally. I don't want to -- I would encourage you strongly to look for diversity of businesses. We all

understand on the Rio Nuevo board that some -- somebusinesses produce primary sales tax, but other businesses

20 businesses produce primary sales tax, but other businesses

21 produce secondary sales tax, that is, they generate sales 22 tax from other businesses, and so I personally would

23 strongly encourage you to look for a diversity of kinds of

businesses. I'm guessing that you probably want to do that anyway, but we're not looking for 100 percent of

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1 businesses that bring direct sales tax to it but a wide 2 variety of activities that make downtown and the Rio Nuevo

3 district in general a better place to live, a more active

4 place, more activity, more things going on, more people being generated.

So my personal request to your rubric and your selection committee is to really broaden your vision and not be -- not be restricted by an adherence for every business to be a direct sales tax producer.

MR. OSERAN: This is Richard Oseran. I would 10 concur with Corky. And I've advocated for some time as 11 well as other board members that to really fulfill downtown's purpose, it would be nice to have these retail businesses you're mentioning, a vintage clothing store, something that people can do before 5 00 o'clock when bars and restaurants open and to create, you know, downtown as a great living environment where people want to be. 17

And certainly, as we've indicated before, we do 18 support diversity of all types of people and businesses that are in downtown and services and other things that 20 make downtown a better place to live, as Corky indicated, also produce that -- you know, they're the secondary sales tax, but they -- they support the businesses that then produce sales taxes. So we're -- at least I think we're

25 all interested in a wide diversity of applicants.

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1 give them a response by the end of February, so that gives 2 us collectively around five months to review with the 3 committee, send recommendations to Rio Nuevo and get 4 approvals.

MS. VILLICANA: Let me ask a follow-up question, Drea.

In consideration for both Nic and yourself and Shea as well, we've had some discussions around this, think about these entities or these micro business loans or these boosts, if you will, as a continuum, because if 11 they start to see themselves growing and prospering and 12 maybe even message that way so they think of this as this is an entry point is into our corridor, we really want 14 downtown to be a place that thrives, and if you do well, we all want to support that in a way that allows you to sustain and grow. So think of it in a three-year term, because I think sometimes what we forget about small business is the first couple of years are the roughest points, right, depending on the business model, so I think as a team, we should think along those lines as well and 21 certainly think about that while you're going through this 22 process.

23 **MS. THOMPSON:** That's really great. And I 24 think that will be really well received by the small 25 businesses, to understand that this could be a long-term

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MS. THOMPSON: That's really exciting to hear,

2 because those are -- you know, that's really -- as I was 2 from the financing, that's something that's been really 3 kind of understanding the vision, how can we continue the

4 great work that Rio Nuevo has done and activated really

5 what are types of innovative and new and exciting ideas

6 that aren't there currently, which would be really 7 exciting to, you know, sort of have this demonstration

project from this initiative.

So that's amazing to hear. Thank you so much, 10 Corky and Richard. That will definitely the focus of our outreach and our communications if that is what the board would like to see. We would love to deliver that for you. 12 MR. OSERAN: Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: What's the timing of the 14

first batch of awards? Just quickly go through the schedules. 16

MS. THOMPSON: Yeah, exactly. So it's open now 17 through -- so we have a little bit more than a month open, so it will be January 23rd when that will close. And then we have -- I believe it will be a three-week turnaround. 20 Is that right, Nic? 21

22 **MS. DAHL:** The grant committee will meet soon after, likely within a week after applications close, and then send the recommendations to Rio Nuevo.

For the applicant, we just pledge that we'll

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1 relationship and support. And, again, not -- not just

3 important with our work as we really see financial capital

4 paired with knowledge capital and social capital, so how

can we wrap them around with services, help them with

their business plan, help them with their finances. And

that's something that we're able to do on our side to

ensure that they're not just going to get the money and

then bye, see you later. This is really a long-term

partnership and investment in their vision and walking a

11 line alongside them throughout their journey. So that's a

really wonderful point and great to hear people, and I'm

sure people are very excited to receive that news as well. CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay. So I set this up to

be ratified by the board. I would need a motion.

Obviously we still have an opportunity for input into the applicants and ultimate recommendations themselves. So what's the board's pleasure?

MS. VILLICANA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that we ratify the continuation of this program and that we work together to enjoy hearing more and the applicants that are being put forth.

23 **MR. POSTER:** I will second Taunya's motion. CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We've got a motion and a 25 second. Any question, comment?

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Rio Nuevo **Board Meeting** Page 21 1 Brandi, you can call the roll. MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Chris Sheafe. 2 MR. SHEAFE: Yes. 3 4 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Corky Poster. MR. POSTER: Yes. 5 6 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Edmund Marquez. 6 MR. MARQUEZ: Aye. 7 7 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Shay Jimenez. 8 8 9 MS. JIMENEZ: Yes. 9 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Richard Oseran. 10 10 MR. OSERAN: Aye. 11 11 12 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Jannie Cox. MS. COX: Ave. 13 13 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Taunya Villicana? 14 15 MS. VILLICANA: Yes. MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Fletcher McCusker. 16 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: I vote aye. And I would 17

like to thank our colleague Shay for her hard work here. I didn't know her very well. She's really quite passionate about this and quite successful. 20 So good luck to everybody. 21

Drea, we'll see you soon as you start to winnow 22 23

And, Nic, I hope you make your doctor's 24 25 appointment.

1 activating that space.

So, Charlie, I've introduced you to people that don't know you. You get to do that over again. But if you guys would take the program. We have not seen your PowerPoint, so we're going to have to go live with you.

Huna, if you'll give them share.

Charlie, the floor is yours.

MR. LEVY: Can you all hear me?

Marcel, are you there?

MR. DABDOUB: Yes.

CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We see you and hear you, 12 yes.

MR. LEVY: All right. So I'll start with kind 14 of just the vision. Marcel, Patricia and Ron showed me 15 the space a few months ago. And, first of all, I have 16 started four music venues and restaurants in Phoenix. And I first moved to Tucson in 2007 for about five years and had to go back to Phoenix for work unfortunately, and a couple years ago got to move back here and just, you know, love Tucson.

And the thing that I think I love about Tucson 21 the most is its art scene, its art culture. And when I first saw this building, right away I told them we need to make this like an inspiration of like 1950s Greenwich

25 Village where it's like a hub or creativity and it's a

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MS. THOMPSON: Absolutely. And I'll go ahead 2 and prepare a report for Rio Nuevo so that you can see the 3 breakdown of types of businesses, if that's helpful, just 4 so you get a little temperature check while we're in the 5 midst of this process.

6 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: That would be great. Thank 7 you.

MS. VILLICANA: Take care. By e now. 8

9 **MR. SHEAFE:** Thank you.

CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Charlie, Marcel, sorry 10 11 about the pivot there, but you don't appear to be in your car on the way to the doctor's. 12

So 123 Stone is an address we're familiar with. 13

MR. POSTER: Mr. Chairman. 14

15 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Go ahead.

MR. POSTER: Mr. Chairman, this is Corky 16

17 Poster. I'm going to recuse myself. Currently my firm is under contract with Charlie at the Benedictine Monastery,

so I will be quiet and refrain from voting. 19

20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All right. Thank you for **21** that.

22 Years ago we had a deal with the owners, Peach

23 Property, to bring Chris Bianco's restaurant to that

24 space. He went to Los Angeles instead. Might have been a

25 great pivot, because we get to talk to Charlie about

1 place for artists and people who love art.

And that's sort of like what we kind of started 3 from. And we can kind of go through the PowerPoint,

4 Marcel, if you want, or you can pop in, but basically it's a place for -- you know, not only is it music and visual

6 arts, culinary arts and a place where people can commune

and get together and really celebrate the Tucson art

scene. 8

CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Marcel, you should be able 9 to launch the slides.

MR. DABDOUB: Yes, I'm going to launch it from 12 my phone. Give me one second, because for some reason, that e-mail is not showing up on my phone.

MR. HAMMOND: You should be set up to present 15 under share.

MR. DABDOUB: Yes, absolutely. Give me one 16 second. I'm just going to --17

CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: You can send it to Brandi 18 19 if you want us to run it.

20 **MR. DABDOUB:** Oh, there it is. I've got it. 21 Sorry. My e-mail was not updating. So I'm going to share 22 this.

23 Okay. Can you see the presentation now? **MR. SHEAFE:** We're not seeing it quite yet, 25 Marcel. Did you tap the share screen at the bottom? 5

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MR. DABDOUB: Oh, thank you. Thanks, Chris. 2 So I'm going to show this as a slide presentation.

CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Click on slide show.

4 **MR. DABDOUB:** Sorry, Charlie, for the delay.

MR. LEVY: That's all right.

That's the building. I mean, I hope 6

everybody's familiar with it. I think it was the first

hospital in Tucson, and it's a pretty special place.

You can just keep scrolling. 9

This is sort of a vision board of the -- of the 10 11 cultural hub we're looking at. It's going to be a -- part of it's going to be a laundromat for the community and -and for the artists, and also, you know, we could do some really fun things, like NPR has Tiny Desk Concerts, we're thinking about tiny laundromat concerts-type things.

16 You can just keep going. This is some stuff about me. You don't have to read that, so we can move 17 that. We can go quick on that one, Marcel.

You know, that's kind what we're talking about. 19 20 I mean, it's a hub, and then also it will have a -- and when we do the floor plan, we'll kind of go over each floor, what we're thinking of having in there, but just a place that kind of connects, you know, the barrio and all 24 the TCC and everything on Congress as sort of -- of this

25 hub. And that's what it actually looks like now.

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1 going to push for a lot of international visitors. You 2 know, you guys are well aware the spotlight's been Tucson 3 and its history and its art, and this is the place where, 4 you know, we're really going to try to push to get those people that are coming in and out of town and want to be part of that art scene and be around artists that come to the Rogers. Curly's going to stay there. You know, we're going to have -- open up Curly to his barber shop. People can drink a beer at the barber shop, people can, you know, have a cafe at the laundromat. So that's sort of the

Go ahead, Marcel.

first floor vibe.

MR. DABDOUB: I was just going to say the great 13 14 thing about Charlie's vision is that this -- this is a concept that's activated throughout the day. You know, sometimes you have something that's really just more set up as a bar for nighttime use, and -- and that means that you're operating hours are -- your sales hours, if you will, are, you know, only after a certain period of time. 20 But by creating a design that works well as a cafe during 21 the day, you know, for either breakfast or lunch or dinner 22 as well as the bar when it's late night when you have performances and people are coming in, they want to eat 24 before the show or maybe, you know, grab a late night 25 snack after the show, that's activity that we really like

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And, Marcel, you can jump in any time you want. 1 MR. DABDOUB: Yeah. So it's an historic 3 building that has not been adapted for retail use. You 4 know, the first -- the first attempt of that was our lease 5 with Chris Bianco, which went nowhere after the L.A. 6 disaster, and we've really just been looking for a tenant that might have the right concept that would allow us to 8 adapt the building or a portion of the building to bring

10 So obviously it was used as a hospital system. 11 More recently there was a dental office on the second 12 floor with some uses along the first floor, a lot of potential to open up the windows along the corner. And 14 for us it's a great corner that connects the TCC to the -you know, the downtown core through -- through Ochoa. This is some more of the vibe. 16

it to its highest and best use.

Charlie, I don't know if you want to sort of 17 talk more about what -- you know. 18

MR. LEVY: Sure. So the first floor is going 19 to have like a bar/cafe, you know, that we're hoping that people after -- you know, that go to the Ronstadt Center 22 can come by and have a cocktail or a dessert. We're 23 really going to go for a lower price point and be open for 24 breakfast, lunch and dinner late night for the community 25 and -- and for the people -- the visitors. We're really

1 to see just because you're taking an asset and you're 2 generating sales dollars over longer periods of time if 3 the concept is right, and we believe that the concept is 4 right.

5 MR. LEVY: And that's what makes it kind of fun 6 where we have all different types of -- you know, on the business end, all different ways of -- you know, revenue streams from all different facets, so we're not going to 9 rely on just, you know, we're having a restaurant and 10 that's it is. So that's the first floor, and you can kind 11 of see a preliminary floor plan with the barber shop and the laundromat and the cafe and the bars and the lounges.

And then on the second floor is going to be 14 another main lounge, and then that's going to be surrounded with studio spaces, artist studio spaces, artist residencies, short-term and long-term. You're going to see some bigger like hostel type rooms. If bands coming in town playing at the Rialto need a place to stay 19 and they don't have a big budget, we can house them. And people that want to stay there, you know, a couple of 21 rooms that if you just want to be around artists, you can 22 stay there. You can walk in and go to an artist's studio 23 space on the second floor and have a lounge and see the 24 artwork they're doing, or someone might be writing a book 25 in the other studio space. So that's the second floor.

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And then the basement will be a basement bar 2 with a cool stone -- I mean, I'm sure you've seen in that 3 part of Tucson the stones they brought down. And that 4 will be a performance event space, music, spoken word,

5 art, dance. And I think Tucson is really in need of more 6 art spaces than we have, so it would be really great to

7 bring in local and national acts that come in and

8 different artists and different speakers and writers and musicians.

So that's sort of it in a nut shell. 10

Marcel, do you have anything to add on that 11 12 front?

MR. DABDOUB: No. I mean, the concept of 13 14 the -- of the laundromat bar is something that you see in other locations and it's turned into this really cool function that people can do more in a shared environment in an atmosphere that's actually fun. And so that's why, you know, the plan is that that would be a part of the

experience. And people will -- will wander from one type

of use to another to another. And, you know, we would 21 have a full kitchen for the menu, and just having a live

22 music venue of a -- of a size and type that doesn't really

exist in Tucson just gets us really excited.

These are -- these are some numbers on where we 24 25 are on the budget. We have a signed LOI with Charlie and 1 one-and-a-half million dollars for the infrastructure and 2 our FF&E budget I think is about 800 --

Is it \$860,000, Charlie?

4 **MS. VILLICANA:** That's fine. Approximate's 5 fine. Okay. Thank you.

MR. MARQUEZ: Your 1.775 rebate, that whole deal, is that on this property or is that on Congress 8 Street?

9 **MR. DABDOUB:** It's on this property. It was on 10 this property when -- that deal is still in place, and 11 that's why I point it out, because we would -- under the

amendments, we would basically do away with that so we're not getting sort of an additional benefit, if you will.

But that was a deal we did when we had the -- the lease with Chris Bianco.

16 MR. MARQUEZ: How much cash did we put up front 17 on that, or is it just all rebate?

MR. DABDOUB: You have not put any --How much cash has Rio Nuevo put into this or 19 20 no?

21 **MR. MARQUEZ:** Did we give you all rebate back 22 then?

23 **MR. DABDOUB:** We have not requested any portion 24 of that rebate, so that rebate amount is still intact. 25

MR. MARQUEZ: How much was -- did we do cash

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1 his company, Crescent Concerts, and the -- we've -- you

2 know, we have -- we would have a total developer

3 contribution of around \$4 million. The renovation budget

4 itself does not include any FF&E. The FF&E is part of the

5 \$4 million. It's really just hard renovation costs. And,

6 you know, our request to Rio Nuevo is to help us cover

7 half of that and we would be covering the other half of

8 those renovation costs as well as the FF&E on top of that.

Right now we have an agreement with Rio Nuevo 10 that would award us sales tax rebates up to \$1,775,000

11 through 2035 and then 50 percent, so 50 percent after

that. That is still subject to the cap. That would

obviously go away if this request is approved. We're not

asking for something on top of something that's already

been awarded. We're just -- we're just requesting that,

you know, a lesser amount be advanced so we can -- and

it's still 50 percent of the renovation cost -- so we can activate the building.

MS. VILLICANA: May I ask a question, Marcel? 19 MR. DABDOUB: Go ahead. 20

MS. VILLICANA: So, Marcel, how much do you

21 22 think you're going to have to put in FF&E, just

approximate, just out of curiosity, over and above what

24 you're already putting into the project?

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MR. DABDOUB: Our budget for FF&E, so it's

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1 plus a rebate or just give --

MR. DABDOUB: You were going to do cash. Where 3 we close on the building, you were going to make a

4 200,000-dollar contribution, but at that time, Rio

5 Nuevo -- by the time we were ready to close, Rio Nuevo did 6 not have the funds, so Rio Nuevo closed on a promissory

note, but then the Chris Bianco thing fizzled, so we never

8 actually collected on that note, so we technically have a

9 promissory note from Rio Nuevo that was never paid off.

10 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Marcel, do we GPLET this property now? 11

12 MR. DABDOUB: No.

Well, yes. Right now technically we're paying 14 the GPLET rates, because -- because it's -- it's in Rio 15 Nuevo's name, so it's off the tax --

CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: We did do the GPLET when Bianco was going to move in. We were going to put in some cash and a rebate, and then Bianco changed his mind, but it's still Rio Nuevo owned under a GPLET lease.

MR. DABDOUB: It's still Rio Nuevo owned under 20 21 a GPLET lease and we have not drawn on any sales tax 22 rebates because we haven't been generating any sales tax 23 from the property.

MR. MARQUEZ: You have a signed LOI right now, 25 letter of intent. How quick is the timeline following

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1 this? Like how soon do you sign the lease, how soon do 2 you have a contract or when do you break ground? When is 3 this built?

MR. DABDOUB: Our lender, National Bank of 5 Arizona, has expressed an interest in helping us finance 6 this renovation. They clearly have a loan, which was 7 supported by the dental group. The fact that the dental 8 group left created a great opportunity for us to do 9 something more (inaudible). But to answer your question, 10 Edmund, we're ready to go. I think as soon -- we have the 11 LOI. If the request is approved, we would move very 12 quickly to sign the lease, give the lease to the bank, you know, the property gets reappraised, you know, give it 14 maybe four weeks for the appraisal, so maybe we would close on the loan in about 60 days I'm guessing.

MR. MARQUEZ: That kind of answers Taunya's 16 previously question, which is already on paper. It's 17 about a 4 million dollar total investment, 3 million of construction, you're splitting 1.5 each. How much of that 20 1.5 from your side is coming from the developers and how much from Charlie? 21

MR. DABDOUB: So the -- the -- the 1.5 is all 22 coming from the developer. The FF&E is going to be a 24 partnership between the developer and Charlie. And we 25 need -- we need FF&E plus some networking capital on the

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1 looks like over five years, and then we usually authorize

2 executive to complete the deal. If we -- as long as this 3 board approved up to the 1.5, we could through the

4 executive committee and your discussions with your bank

5 try to find out if there's a middle ground if that doesn't

work for them, so -- but 1.5 is just a ton of cash.

CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Do you have hard bids, Marcel, on the improvements?

CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: The only really missing

9 MR. DABDOUB: Correct. We --

11 piece is the bank. What Edmund was suggesting is we do 12 something like approve up to 1.5 million and we're looking to reduce the amount of cash in exchange for rebates, but 14 that sounds like something that's got to be kind of 15 nurtured with your bank. But we could probably approve something like that today or we could come back next month when you know what the bank's more willing to do.

MS. COX: And also when the lease is signed, 19 because if that lease is not signed for the bank, it needs to be signed for us, too.

MR. DABDOUB: Absolutely. We wouldn't do 21 22 anything until the lease is signed, Jannie. It's just 23 that we didn't want to go through the legal expense of 24 signing the lease until we sort of figure out if we were 25 going to get the support from Rio Nuevo.

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1 front end, so let's call it a million dollars. And -- and 2 we are still going through the process of figuring out how 3 much each side is going to be contributing to that.

MR. MARQUEZ: So you obviously -- you don't 5 have to go into a public session. There's some things 6 playing out with National Bank of Arizona right now, right, you lost a tenant.

So 1.5 is a lot of cash for us. That's a lot 9 of cash. How would it look like for you guys and National 10 Bank of Arizona if we did \$500,000 up front with a million 11 dollars of rebate? Because you're basically -- if you look at your next piece of paper, you're looking at about five years to generate 1.2. 13

MR. DABDOUB: Correct. We expect the payback 14 period to be less than six years for the remainder of 16 that. And with a 3 million-dollar renovation, I think it would be -- I don't want to speak for them, Edmund. I 18 think we would just have to go back to them and say, all 19 right, guys, here's the pro forma, here is our LOI and we would like -- you know, we're looking to -- you know, we 21 can't get to the \$3 million, can you finance more than the 22 initial 1.5. 23 MR. MARQUEZ: I mean, I would be -- and I'm not

24 speaking on behalf of the board here, but I'd be up to the 25 \$500,000 up front, a million dollars of rebate, which

MS. COX: Right. Okay. 1

National Bank of Arizona.

MR. MARQUEZ: An item of clarity is we typically don't pay for permitting, which is on this form also, so you have to back that out of our 1.5.

MR. MARQUEZ: I'll make a motion and see how it

MR. DABDOUB: Okay. Absolutely. 5

plays out, see if we get a second, see how it discusses, but I move that we -- I just subtracted \$83,000, so I move 9 that we approve up to 1.4 -- what is that -- 17? Yeah, 1.4 -- \$1,417,000 towards this deal with \$500,000 up front with the rest coming in rebates, authorizing executive to continue the negotiation based on the discussion with

MS. VILLICANA: And a signed lease. 14

15 **MR. MARQUEZ:** And a signed lease. Yes, I will 16 throw that in, a signed lease.

CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Nobody's jumping at that. 17 MS. COX: Second. 18

CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: There you go. Okay. So 19 20 the motion, which gives the executive committee some flexibility, is to approve a contribution to the project to the tune of 1.4 and change with 500 of that in cash guaranteed and the rest to be negotiated based on what we 24 hear from the bank.

MR. SHEAFE: I have an amendment.

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1 **CHAIRMAN McCUSKER:** Mr. Sheafe.

MR. SHEAFE: I would adjust the up front to 750

3 and the rest of it would remain the same.

CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So you get to do that based

5 on what the bank says if we approve Mr. Marquez's motion.

MR. SHEAFE: Right. I'm trying to soften the

7 deal a little bit, that's the purpose of the amendment,

- 8 and so if we go to 750, which is a three-year return on
- 9 the TIF, I just think that might work just a little better
- 10 understanding how the other side's loan parameters will
- 11 work, but Edmund would need to accept that before we go

12 any further.

MR. MARQUEZ: That's removing the conversation

- 14 with the National Bank of Arizona and just hard lining at
- 15 750 and the rest coming in rebate?

MR. SHEAFE: Yeah. I just said the up front

- 17 would be 750, and then every other portion of your motion
- .8 would stand.

19 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So you still have some

- 20 flexibility there with the bank. And Mr. Sheafe's right,
- Edmund. You'd have to accept that amendment.
- MR. MARQUEZ: Before I accept it, I'd love to
- 23 hear from our attorney, who has his hand up.
- **CHAIRMAN McCUSKER:** Tim, go ahead.
- MR. MEDCOFF: We need to also have an amendment

- 1 think I still have a quorum.
- 2 Taunya, you're doing okay.
- 3 So Rio Nuevo would offer to contribute to this
- 4 project up to a million four and change.

5 Do you have the exact number? Somebody do the 6 math.

- **MR. SHEAFE:** 1,417.
- 8 MR. DABDOUB: I'm getting 1,467,812. If you
- 9 take out the 83,063.97 for permitting and you divide by
- two, the number I'm getting is 1 million --

MR. SHEAFE: You're right, because I didn't

12 pick the other number up.

13 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Say it again, Marcel.

MR. DABDOUB: \$1,467, 812.

15 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All right. So that would

16 be half less the permitting costs with 750 guaranteed, the

17 rest of that to be negotiated between us, you and your 18 bank.

- Everybody following this?
- MS. COX: Yeah.

21 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Okay. Brandi, you can call

22 the roll.

MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Marcel, can you remove your

24 screen, please?

MR. DABDOUB: I'm sorry. So I stop sharing

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1 or --

- CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Yeah, just stop sharing.
- There you go.
- 4 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Chris Sheafe.
- 5 **MR. SHEAFE:** Yes.
- 6 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Edmund Marquez.
- 7 **MR. MARQUEZ:** Aye.
- 8 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Richard Oseran.
- 9 **MR. OSERAN:** Aye.
- 10 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Jannie Cox.
- 11 MS. COX: Aye.
- MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Tanya Villicana.
- MS. VILLICANA: Yes.
- MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Shea Jimenez.
- **MS. JIMENEZ:** Yes, aye.
- 16 MS. HAGA-BLACKMAN: Fletcher McCusker.
 - CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Just to confirm, we've got
- 18 the contingencies in there, Tom, that it's subject to the
- 19 final lease, subject to legal documents and authorizes the
- 20 executive officers to finalize the deal. That all got
- 21 into the motion. I vote aye.
- 22 (Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously).

23 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All right. That's 24 unanimous.

25 Charlie, welcome back.

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assuming the motion passes to authorize legal to documentthis deal.

- 3 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And the execs to execute.
- 4 MR. MEDCOFF: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: So your motion, Chris, is a
- 6 little different than Edmund's. If you just move the
- 7 dollar amount and leave the rest of the motion intact, the
- 8 guaranteed cash would be 750, the rest of that's subject
- **9** to executive committee approval.
- MR. MARQUEZ: And bring in our attorneys to complete the deal. I would accept that amendment.
- 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Jannie, your second.
- MS. COX: Yes, I accept the amendment as well.
 MR. DABDOUB: And if I may, Fletcher, you would
- 15 also want to add any existing benefits in the existing
- 16 (inaudible) would be replaced in its entirety by any new17 deal.
- **MR. MARQUEZ:** Yes. And a second amendment is **19** to remove the 1.775.
- 20 **CHAIRMAN McCUSKER:** Let's do that as a separate 21 motion. We'll just terminate that old deal so we don't 22 tie the two together.
- I have a motion and a second, so I've got to act on that one.
- Is everybody tracking? Corky's recused. I

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Page 41 **MR. SHEAFE:** Can we -- just quickly then I'd 2 like to move that we terminate the current deal that was 3 done together with Bianco on 123 South Stone. **MS. VILLICANA:** I second that, Taunya. CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: All right. So the motion 6 is to terminate the existing deal that was made years ago 7 with this property, 123 South Stone, except for the GPLET. 8 The GPLET's already in place, that stays, but the 9 economics would be terminated. And that was -- we can do a quick voice vote on that. All in favor say aye. (Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously). 11 12 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: And Mr. Poster is recused. All right. So one deal is dead and we're off 13 14 to the new deal. And, Charlie, we're really excited about your vision for downtown. 16 MR. LEVY: Thank you very much. I'm excited, 17 too. 18 **CHAIRMAN McCUSKER:** Good luck, guys. MR. LEVY: Thank you. 19 20 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Future agenda items? If 21 you don't have any, you can e-mail me, and I'll entertain a motion to adjourns. 22 23 MS. COX: So moved. **CHAIRMAN McCUSKER:** Second, please. 24 25 MS. VILLICANA: Second. Page 42 **CHAIRMAN McCUSKER:** All in favor say aye. 1 (Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously). 2 CHAIRMAN McCUSKER: Happy holidays, everyone. 3 4 See you in 2025. (2:49 p.m.) 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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