



**CITY OF NOVATO**  
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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Agenda**

**March 3, 2022 - 3:00 PM**

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## AGENDA

- A. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- B. **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA**

## C. PUBLIC COMMENT

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## D. CONSENT ITEMS

D.1 Approve Minutes of January 6, 2022

## E. GENERAL BUSINESS

E.1 Update - Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief Grant Program – Miriam Hope Karell

E.2 Biz Viz visit recruitment strategy – Will Morat

## F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

## G. STAFF UPDATES

G.1 Train Depot Project

G.2 Downtown Parklets

G.3 RHNA & Housing Projects Pipeline

G.4 General Development Projects

G.5 Local Gift Card Program Launch

G.6 Commercial Cannabis Licensing

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