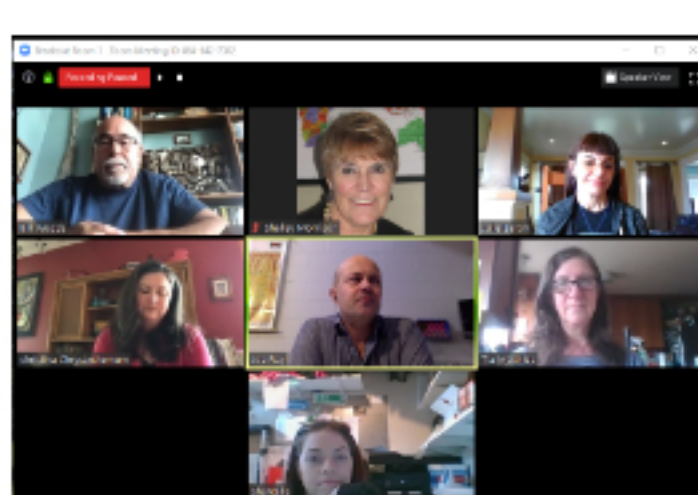
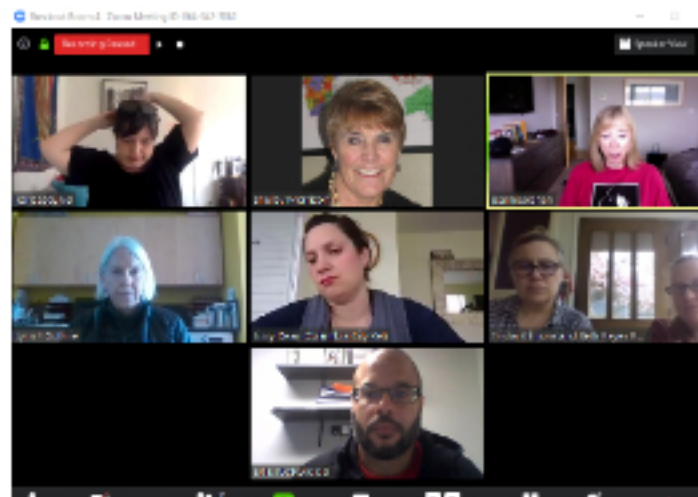


Meeting Offers Chance to Share Insights, Resources & Ideas for Post SIP Celebration

Forty-three CCBA members participated in a virtual quarterly meeting last Tuesday morning. It was a chance to maintain relationships, share Covid-19 stories, and get caught up on the latest programs for small business relief. During 7-person "breakout sessions", attendees talked about what has surprised them the most since the Governor's "shelter in place" (SIP) guidance. Here are some responses:

- How supportive the community has been of open businesses.
- Amount of quality family time. That having kids at home is better than expected.
- The high degree of compliance with Covid-19 guidance, on the part of both businesses and individuals.
- How necessary online interactions with other businesses has provided opportunity to get to know colleagues.
- How creative and resourceful businesses have been.
- In times of disaster like this, it's good to have a relationship with a banker to access relief programs.
- How things changed overnight. And, things will not be the same.
- There's nobody to look to for answers about the future.

Sharing images of two breakout room discussions below.



More Notes and Tips from the Meeting

Jeannie O'Brien was kind enough to remind us of Jimmy Fallon's assessment of Covid-19 sheltering in place ... "This ends in death or divorce".

There were still many unanswered questions related to financial assistance for businesses and employees. Lenore (Full Tilt) and Shantelle (Rookies) seemed to have a good handle on things, and might be willing to help others. Amy (Carigen's CPAs) was also a very helpful information source.

Michele Bayle of Wink Eyewear has created a clever way to help our Open businesses. We did not get a chance to view the video, but here it is: <https://www.facebook.com/WinkEyewearSeattle/videos/700721787422281/>

The meeting really got animated when the subject came up of a post-virus neighborhood celebration. The consensus vision was a street festival on a sunny afternoon, in combination with the best BeatWalk ever, and all our shops, bars and restaurants fully staffed and open for business. More to come on this.

Meeting participants suggested another virtual meeting in a month.

Please mark your calendars for Tues. May 5th 9:00 - 10:30am. Look out for a Zoom invitation in your email.

CC Businesses Receive \$10,000 City Stabilization Grants

Seven of our Columbia City small businesses were granted \$10,000 by the City to help deal with the effects of Covid-19. City-wide, 250 grants were awarded out of about 9,000 applicants. The City hopes to be able to help more businesses if funds can be found.

For details, see <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/seattle-picks-first-250-small-businesses-to-receive-coronavirus-relief-grants-nearly-9000-applied/>

New Protections for Small Businesses

Under a new city ordinance, during the Covid-19 state of emergency and for the first six months after the end of the emergency, if a small business or nonprofit is not able to pay its rent on time, the ordinance provides that the business/nonprofit and landlord shall negotiate a payment plan. The bill requires that the payment plan not require more than 1/3 of the past-due rent be due in any single month. It also requires that the payment plan provide for complete repayment of past due rent within one year.

Additionally, landlords are now not permitted to increase rents on small businesses and 501(c)(3) nonprofits. The ordinance would place a moratorium on increases to month-to-month rent, and it would also place a moratorium on increases in rent under a new or renewed lease.

We suggest this link for up-to-date information on Covid-19 resources for small businesses: <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/covid-19#smallbusinessnonprofitsupport>



Our Open List during SIP

On our CCBA home page, we continue to maintain and update our list of Essential Open Businesses in Columbia City and our other businesses that are open in some way.

Please continue to support these businesses: <https://www.columbiacityseattle.com>

If your business would like to be included, please send information to: info@columbiacityseattle.com

Local Photographer creating a video for Columbia City!

Here's what Tilly Goble has to say. "I have found myself looking for a purpose as my business has had to "shutter" due to the virus. I have talent and gifts that are just sitting here. **I want to make a video for Columbia City. It will include images of everyone who wants to be included.** I only ask that it be residents/businesses of Columbia City. I would love to take a family photo from your sidewalk, in front of your home. You should be holding an inspiring homemade sign.

These images will be downloadable for FREE! I will then make a compilation of all the images for a video to inspire everyone! If you want to participate: Let me know what day you are free and where you live. LIGHTING IS EVERYTHING... so please know what time of day the sunshine is hitting your front porch and when it is not.

Columbia City businesses, if you want to participate that would be amazing! When can we get you and any employees photographed in front of your business? --- Let's show the world how big our love is! **Provide me 3 days and times you can be photographed, and your address.** tilly@naissancestudios.com

