



# NEW BERN

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Redevelopment Commission of  
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**04/14/2021**

- 1. 6:00pm: Welcome and roll call**
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Approval of minutes for the 01/13/2021 and 03/10/2021 Redevelopment Commission meetings  
**Presenter:** Staff  
**Action Required:** Approve minutes
- 3. Ujima Development/Dr. Leon Caldwell (Zoom)**  
**Background:** Staff has contracted with Dr. Caldwell to assist the commission in establishing the vision for the redevelopment of the First Street corridor. Dr. Caldwell will be in New Bern on 4/30 and 5/1 to meet with community representatives and begin project "launch pad", a holistic redevelopment program centered on not only building up places but also building people. Staff and Dr. Caldwell will lead the discussion followed by Q/A from Commissioners. Please visit <https://ujimadevelopers.com/> for background information.
- 4. North Carolina Central University Lecture Series Discussion/Health and Wellness Working Group (Zoom and in person):**  
**Background:** Members from NCCU will be present to provide an introduction and answer Commission questions on the proposed community lecture series. The stated of the purpose of the series is to build confidence and bring clarity to the content of lecture series so all parties are aware, honest and accountable for its promotion and support.
- 5. Committee Updates**  
**Presenter:** Jeff Ruggieri, Commissioners  
**Background Information:** Neighborhood, Health, Housing  
**Supporting Material:**  
**Estimated Time:** 15
- 6. Old Business**  
**Background Information:** 1213 Mechanic Street update, 602 Gaston House relocation update  
**Estimated Time:** 15
- 7. Adjourn**

*"The New Bern Redevelopment Commission: Leading the way for community transformation and improvement by directly addressing community needs in the vital areas of public health, infrastructure, housing and economic development. The Commission is committed to an accountable, transparent, and publicly driven process"*