



# **Prince George's County Local Development Council (PGCLDC)**

## **Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

### **Minutes (Adopted)**

#### **PGCLDC Members in Attendance (Quorum):**

- Jeffrey Chandler
- Zeno St. Cyr, II
- Patricia Britton
- Kimberly Hall
- Sierra Hayes
- Mary Hopkins Navies
- Mary Larkins
- Audrey McNeill
- James Robinson
- Stephanie Stanard
- Delegate Veronica Turner

#### **PGCLDC Members Absent:**

- Michael Errico - Excused
- Senator Obie Patterson - Absent
- Delegate Kris Valderrama (26th District) - Absent
- Kerry Watson - Excused

#### **ATTENDING STAFF (Office of the County Executive):**

- Shaka Pack de Flores
- Ryan Middleton, Liaison to the Prince George's County Local Development Council

Approximately 10 residents attended the meeting.

#### **Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 PM.

**Opening Remarks:**

Chairman Chandler welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the January meeting. He wished everyone a happy new year and new decade.

**Adoption of Minutes – December 18, 2019**

Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II put forth a motion to adopt the minutes from December 18, 2019 with changes. The motion was seconded, then approved unanimously.

**Local Impact Grant Recipient Presentations**

New Horizons Supported Services, Inc. presented for the LDC. The presentation provided an overview of the program, showcased accomplishments and progress to date, and established goals and next steps. After the presentation, Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II noted that the LDC grant funds target 60 individuals, then asked what the total number of program participants was. There are approximately 500 program participants in total. He then asked how they planned to separate the data for those 60 individuals within the impact zone for their interim report.

Pickett Fences Senior Services, Inc. presented for the LDC. The presentation provided an overview of the program, showcased accomplishments and progress to date, and established goals and next steps. After the presentation, Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II commented that Maryland State Pharmacy Board could be a resource for Pickett Fences. LDC Member Mary Larkin asked how they would identify those served within the impact area, and Chairman Chandler asked if they had a calendar of ongoing events. The presenters invited the LDC to their next Purple Worship which will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at Fort Foote Baptist Church at 1pm, as well as their Memory Cafes which are hosted every 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at St. Paul United Methodist Church from 1 to 3pm.

Prince George's Tennis & Education Foundation's presentation provided an overview of the program and showcased accomplishments and progress to date. After the presentation, the presenter was asked what the amount of their award was. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr also asked 1) how many students participate in their program from within the impact area, 2) what was participation like from schools within the impact area and, 3) how they planned to separate the data for those individuals served within the impact area for their interim report.

**FY2020 Local Impact Grant Update/2<sup>nd</sup> Grant Offering Discussion**

The initial screening by the Office of Management and Budget is complete and there were only 13 applications deemed complete. Those applications have been provided to the LDC.

Acting on a suggestion from LDC Member Mary Hopkins-Navies, Chairman Chandler asked for input on whether the LDC should consider a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant offering for this cycle. LDC Member Mary Hopkins-Navies expressed her support of the idea of a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant offering and wondered if the timing of the deadline, which was near the holidays, could have been a factor in the low number of applications submitted. She also

wanted to see applicants that submitted, but were disqualified on ‘a technicality,’ allowed to correct their errors and resubmit. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II echoed concerns that the timing of the release of the applications may have been a hinderance to organizations’ ability to apply. LDC Member Patricia Britton agrees with the idea of allowing disqualified applicants the opportunity to resubmit and suggested that we host another In-service Training for prospective applicants. LDC Member Mary Larkin agreed that disqualified should be allowed to correct their errors and resubmit, but also suggested the LDC widen its outreach to allow new organizations to submit applications. LDC Member Kimberly Hall agreed with LDC Member Mary Larkin’s suggestions, but went further to say that the LDC needs to consider why the number of applications received is consistently lower than expected. Ryan Middleton clarified that no applications were disqualified on ‘a technicality,’ in fact there was quite a bit of leeway this cycle. For example, even though the deadline was clear, applications that were submitted just past the deadline were nonetheless accepted. There were only 5 applications that were missing copies or had incomplete copies, but those applications were also missing other required documents. Most disqualified applications didn’t submit 501(c)(3) information, didn’t provide financial information, or were outside of the impact area. Last year, there were more applications disqualified because their services or letter of support was outside of the impact area. There was improvement this year that can be credited to the new 3-mile radius online tool. He went on to say that he personally reviewed every application submitted this year and those applications that were disqualified were disqualified for valid reasons. After much debate, the Chairman asked the Program Priorities and Budget Subcommittee to draft a letter to be submitted to the County requesting a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant offering, including the parameters and goals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> offering. LDC Member Stephanie Stanard asked if the request for a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant offering was for this cycle or for this cycle and all cycles moving forward. The Chairman clarified it was for this grant cycle and a separate request would be made to build it into the structure of the Local Impact Grant moving forward. LDC Member James Robinson asked if any consideration had been put into expanding the 3-mile radius. The LDC then discussed the origin and history of the 3-mile radius and the discussion that has already taken place on the topic. The Chairman said that the topic could be added to the agenda if the LDC would like to revisit it.

### **Special Committee Report**

The committee is working on a draft letter. Within the next 7 to 10 days, the committee should be emailing the draft to the LDC for review and feedback. Any changes will be incorporated into the final draft. The final draft will need to be adopted as an official position by the LDC prior to submission to the County Executive.

### **New Business**

Memorandum of Understanding with Prince George’s County and the State Highway Administration – Community Member Ron Weiss provided a brief summary of the MOU. There are meetings to specifically address the Maryland “210” Highway Interchange Project held at the District 7 Police Station every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7pm.

SB-51 – Senate Bill 51 is LDC-related legislation that is currently in the General Assembly. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II provided a summary of the bill which would require the State to reimburse Prince George’s

County for Local Impact Grant funds use towards 210 construction/improvements. The bill has not been cross filed in the House but will likely be cross filed soon. The Chairman asked if there was any known legislation coming that would address the Hold Harmless Provision. LDC Member Veronica Turner responded that there was legislation in the draft stage that herself and Senator Patterson plan to drop and cross file. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II asked was there any other legislation filed or introduced that would affect the LDC. LDC Member Veronica Turner responded, “not yet.”

### **Public Comments**

- Community Member Jay Kruger – 1) asked how many of the FY2020 Local Impact Grant applicants were disqualified solely by the 3-mile radius, 2) asked if there was any LDC related legislation known to be coming down the pipeline, 3) noted that it was the CountyStat team that had previously participated in the radius discussion with the LDC, 4) suggested the LDC consider a preliminary review period for grant applications, 5) pointed out the within the MOU the county requests funds be placed in a special numbered account and reiterated his position on a special revenue fund for the LDC.
- Community Member Jane Taylor Thomas – 1) asked what happens to unused grants funds, 2) noted an error in the MOU
- Community Member Lorraine Holmes Settles – 1) offered her support of the idea of a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant offering, 2) agreed that more trainings could be helpful especially for organizations who are submitting grant applications on their own

*Chairman Chandler acknowledged suggestions and stated that the LDC will work to address these concerns.*

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:56 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

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