



Prince George's County Local Development Council (PGCLDC)

Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

7:00 PM

Minutes (Adopted)

PGCLDC Members in Attendance (Quorum):

- Patricia Britton
- Jeffrey Chandler
- Michael Errico
- Kimberly Hall
- Mary Hopkins Navies
- Mary Larkin
- Senator Obie Patterson (26th District)
- James Robinson
- Zeno St. Cyr, II
- Dr. Stephanie Stanard
- Delegate Veronica Turner (26th District)
- Kerry Watson (representing MGM National Harbor)

PGCLDC Members Absent:

- Sierra Hayes – Excused
- Audrey McNeill – Excused
- Delegate Kris Valderrama (26th District) – 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 7 residents attended the meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 PM.

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Chandler welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Introductions

Chairman Chandler introduced Rev. James Robinson and Dr. Stephanie Stanard as the newest appointees to the PGCLDC replacing Anita Gonzalez and Javier Torres. He also introduced Shaka Pack de Flores, Administrative Assistant, who replaced Renee Adams. Chairman Chandler asked that all members introduce themselves.

FY 2019 Local Impact Grant Award Ceremony

Chairman Chandler thanked the committee for putting together the Local Impact Grant Awards Ceremony. The photos from the event can be found on the Prince George's County Government website by clicking 'Government', 'County Executive', on the right side of that page there will be an icon for Flickr (A white box with a pink and blue dot). The album is titled Local Impact Grant Awards Ceremony 2019.

Maryland "210" Highway

There were 2 State Highway Administration handouts available for reference to the Maryland "210" Highway project. Effective September 15th, 2019, the State Highway Administration are plans to close the intersection of Kerby Hill Road and Livingston Road on Route 210. There will be detours in effect. This will affect Metrorail, bus stops and routes for the duration of the project. The crossing will be closed approximately 18-20 months. More information is available on the MDOT website. There will be meetings specifically to address the Maryland "210" Highway Interchange Project held at the District 7 Police Station every 3rd Monday at 7pm.

FY 2020 Multi-Year Spending Plan Update

The FY18 Final Grant Reports for all grantees were distributed to LDC members. The Multi-Year Spending Plan was created and commented on by the LDC. The LDC submitted its comments to the County Executive. The County Executive took those comments and the comments of the County Council under advisement. The final Multi-Year Spending Plan was submitted to the County Council on September 13th, 2019. The Multi-Year Spending Plan is on the County Council's Agenda for October 1, 2019. Chairman Chandler asked if there was a response to the Council's specific recommendations for the Multi-Year Spending Plan. Ryan Middleton responded. With regards to the Council's first recommendation, the Office of the County Executive agrees with those concerns. The Office of the County Executive is now working with Council Member Anderson-Walker to find alternative methods to fund the Department of Health and Human Services. Another recommendation from the LDC was in regard to promoting greater transparency and accountability. With regards to that recommendation, the Office of the County Executive is working on getting a report from the Office of Budget and Management on how grant monies are being spent. The last recommendation concerned the 'Hold Harmless Provision' and its impact on Local Impact Grant funds. The Office of the County Executive agrees with those concerns and recommends that the LDC works with our legislators in Annapolis on the 'Hold Harmless Provision'. Session begins in January.

FY 2020 Local Impact Grant Application and Timeline

Chairman Chandler opened the floor for Mary Larkin to share subcommittee recommendations for the FY20 Local Impact Grant Timeline:

- Recommendation #1 – For currently funded grants. Allocate up to 30 minutes at the beginning of each meeting to have 3 grantees give 5-8 minute PowerPoint presentations on their programs.
- Recommendation #2 – For future funding, schedule a workshop with prospective grantees that covers the narrative portion of the application
- Recommendation #3 – Obtain a large map of the impact area
 - Ryan Middleton added that an online tool has recently been launched that would allow a user to type in any address and determine if that address falls within the designated Impact Area.
- Recommendation #4 – Conduct a needs assessment of the Impact Area
- Recommendation #5 – Create guidelines for repeat grantees
- Recommendation #6 – The grant application instructions need to be refined
 - Ryan Middleton shared that he has been working with the Office of Management & Budget to eliminate grey areas in the application so that the applications will be more uniform. The LDC will have the opportunity to review and vote on the revised application.

Patricia Britton asked how the LDC will streamline the process of reviewing grant reports. The Chairman stated that each member received a folder with the Final Grant reports for FY18 and asked that the subcommittee as well as other LDC members review the reports and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting. The Chairman stated that if there were no objections, he would like to take up recommendation #1 and implement it beginning with the October meeting. Other suggested changes:

- Implementing checks and balances to confirm grant monies are spent in the manner outlined in the grant application
- Having the county track and monitor grantees throughout the grant cycle so that if there are problems they could be identified before a grantee reapplies.

Public Comments

- Community Member Jay Krueger – 1) suggested that in the future the LDC should vote to approve the content of the Multi-year Spending Plan recommendation letter prior to submission 2) suggested repealing CB-88-2015 3) commented on the use of the ‘210’ funds for public safety and the possibility of requesting a reimbursement of funds used 4) asked for clarity on intended use of Health and Human Services funds 5) asked if the June minutes have been approved
- Community Member Jane Taylor Thomas – 1) expressed concern with spot audits 2) asked will there be planned site visits to funded organizations.

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

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Middleton, Esquire

Office of the County Executive

Liaison to the Prince George's County Local Development Council

Minutes approved: October 16, 2019