



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

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

**Wednesday, October 16, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

### **Minutes (Adopted)**

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

- Jeffrey Chandler
- Michael Errico
- Sierra Hayes
- Mary Hopkins Navies
- Mary Larkin
- Senator Obie Patterson (26th District)
- James Robinson
- Zeno St. Cyr, II

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

- Patricia Britton – Excused
- Kimberly Hall – Excused
- Stephanie Stanard – Excused
- Delegate Veronica Turner
- Delegate Kris Valderrama (26th District) – Excused
- 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
- Amber Hendricks, Office of Management and Budget
- Ameria Williams, Office of Management and Budget

Approximately 20 residents attended the meeting.

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

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

## **Opening Remarks:**

Chairman Chandler welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The Chairman acknowledged the birthday of LDC Member Dr. Stephanie Stanard. He also informed the group that LDC Member Patricia Britton is on her way out of town. At this time, quorum had not been established. Chairman Chandler moved all actionable items down the agenda until quorum was met.

## **Local Impact Grant Recipient Presentations**

Adrienne Farfalla of the Accokeek Foundation, 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, LDC Member Zeno St. Cyr requested a breakdown of student participation by school. That breakdown was provided to the LDC later.

Next, Richard Batiste and Andre Nottingham from the Alliance for Innovation in Education, 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 the presenters answered questions asked by LDC Members.

Cook Healthy Eat Fresh (CHEF) was not present.

## **Adoption of Minutes – June 19, 2019 and September 18, 2019**

Chairman Chandler moved to adopt the minutes from both the June 19, 2019 and September 18, 2019 meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **FY 2020 Multi-Year Spending Plan Legislative Update**

Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker provided the LDC with an update on CB-54-2019, legislation that would govern the LDC's Multi-Year Spending Plan. During the update, she gave an overview of the breakdown of generated funds allotted for use by the LDC. She explained her bill proposes expanding the use of funds to include other high schools in the impact area and the focus will be specifically for exposure opportunity programs. She stated there is also the challenge of not wanting to put the funding towards the maintenance of effort. Therefore, to utilize these funds, there would need to be non-profits facilitating the programs. After the presentation, there were several questions from LDC Members:

- LDC Member Zeno St. Cyr (1) asked for clarification on how the bill would avoid maintenance of effort, (2) asked if there was a way to work with the county council to achieve these same goals without introducing legislation that could limit the advisory power of the LDC, and (3) expressed concern with accountability in regard to funds used by schools.

- Another LDC member suggested Council Member Anderson-Walker put together a taskforce of citizens to help identify what programs the community wants and needs.
- LDC Member James Robinson echoed the concern previously raised by Council Member Mel Franklin that the money isn't getting across and asked for more clarification of the process.
- LDC Member Michael Errico asked for clarification on "maintenance of effort."

Amber Hendricks of the Prince George's County Office of Management and Budget provided clarification on 'the maintenance of effort'.

There were also several comments/questions from the public:

- William Taylor stated parents are asking about the fire station and fire cadet program at Oxon Hill High School and asked if it will be included in discussion and accounted for in the funding plan.
- Jay Kruger (1) reiterated his suggestion that the LDC create and use a special revenue fund like Anne Arundel County and create legislation to exclude these funds from use towards maintenance of effort, (2) suggested instead of moving forward with a new bill, the current law is repealed and the LDC support the idea of a special revenue fund (3) encouraged the LDC to ask for and solicit an endorsement from Council Member Anderson-Walker for a bill concerning notification guidelines for the LDC when legislation is introduced that concerns the LDC or LDC funds.

Chairman Chandler attended the County Council's Sitting as the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 8, 2019. In response to concerns that the advisory power of the LDC is becoming increasingly limited as more legislation is introduced, the County Council Chair asked what are other jurisdictions doing. To answer the question, Chairman Chandler appointed a special subcommittee. The Chairman asked Vice Chair Zeno St Cyr, James Robinson, and Patricia Britton to sit on the committee. The special committee will consider the LDC's recommendations, as well as feedback from the County Executive and the community. The timeline for the response will be during the 2020 session. Council Member Anderson-Walker invited the LDC to the Transformative Communities meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at Oxon Hill High School and to a caregiver's brunch on November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 am at Oxon Hill Manor.

### **FY 2020 Local Impact Grant Application and Timeline Update**

Amber Hendricks of the Prince George's County Office of Management and Budget provided an update for the FY 2020 Local Impact Grant application process. LDC Members were provided the FY 2020 PGCLDC Application & Checklist draft, FY 2020 LDC - FAQs draft, and the FY 2020 LDC Timeline draft. The presentation provided an overview of the proposed changes to the application, provided an explanation for those changes in the FAQs draft, and proposed a new timeline which incorporated the LDC's recommended changes. Ms. Hendricks also introduced the new MGM Address Lookup website. The address lookup tool website can be used to determine if a Prince George's County address is within three miles of the MGM National Harbor Casino. Ms. Hendricks opened the floor to questions:

- LDC Member Zeno St. Cyr asked for clarification on “conformed copy” of the Articles of Incorporation and asked for clarification on the changes to the audit requirements.
- Council Member Anderson-Walker asked how the LDC can use funds that went unused in previous grant cycles and have accumulated over time.

While working through the FY 2020 LDC Timeline draft, LDC Members offered suggestions. After noting these edits would be made, Chairman Chandler moved to adopt both the FY 2020 PGCLDC Application & Checklist draft and the FY 2020 LDC – FAQs. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **New Business**

Chairman Chandler mentioned the press release and grand opening for the American Job Center Program at the National Harbor on October 10, 2019. Chairman Chandler thanked the members of the LDC who were in attendance. Chairman Chandler also mentioned the Office of the County Executive’s Non-Profit Symposium which will take place at Bowie State University on November 14, 2019. He invited the LDC to attend. The Chairman also asked all LDC Members to review the current list of subcommittees and make changes as needed. LDC Member James Robinson asked if it was possible to have LDC business cards made identifying them as Local Development Council Members.

### **Public Comments**

- Community Member Jay Kruger asked if it was known how the FY19 numbers matched with the audit and if there was an overage, what would happen to those funds.

In response to community member Sarah Cavitt’s comment, Chairman Chandler appointed a special subcommittee to draft a response to the Hold Harmless legislation (Sunset Clause). Chairman Chandler and LDC Member Michael Errico will sit on the special subcommittee.

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

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:59 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

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Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)