

Local Development Council October Meeting

October 16, 2024

Attendance: Dr. Toye Latimore, Barbara Holt Streeter, Letisha Vinson, Evalina Huggins, Ebonique Bethea, Delegate Veronica Turner, Senator Anthony Muse, TeQuilla Taylor, Dani Moore-King, Delegate Jamila Woods, Evelyn Wilson, Council Member Edward Burroughs, Sharisse Lane, Christina Jackson, Herb Jones, Ernest Lewis, Patricia Monroe, and Kanika Bynum

Meeting called to order: 7:05pm

Welcome and Remarks

- Barbara Holt Streeter
 - Thank you to LDC for the continuous time, commitment, resources, and services they provide our community.
 - Thank you Elected Officials for time and commitment.

Approval of September LDC Minutes

- Motion to approve by Dr. Latimore
- Seconded by Evalina Huggins
- No debate; all in favor

County Executive Office Updates

- County Executive along with elected officials and community leaders broke ground on a new school, Fairwood Elementary in Bowie.
- There will be approximately 14-16 new schools between phase one and two.
- Events held recently by our Latinos Affairs Liaison in recognition of Latino Heritage Month.
- Upcoming Breast Cancer Awareness events throughout October.
- Washington International Horse on October 26th.

Senator Anthony Muse

- Grand opening of District Office on 210 in Fort Washington on October 19th.

Multi-Year Spending Plan/Budget

- Dr. Latimore requested to hear comments from everyone individually regarding the multiyear spending plan. Following that, her and Delegate will provide the package to the Strategic Partnerships office to discuss recommendations.
- Senator Anthony Muse - No feedback on the budget.
- Ebonique Bethea – Concerned with the funding decreasing over the years. Would like to see an increase from \$400,000.
- Sharisse Lane – Agrees with notes made by Dr. Latimore. No additional comments.

- Christina Jackson – Supports the expansion of funds for youth employment and senior services.
- Dr. Latimore – Would like to work with Councilman Burroughs office to discuss the types of grants that his office intends to give so that she ensures the same grants are not given out by LDC. Some of the same organizations are receiving grants from both LDC and Councilman Burroughs office.
- Dani Moore-King – Supports expanding the youth employment programs and senior citizen services.
- Herb Jones – Would like to expand more on the opportunities for vocational training. There is great opportunity for the youth when it comes to air traffic control and aviation mechanics.
- Ernest Lewis – Acknowledged the concern of funds decreasing over the years. No additional comments.
- Patricia Monroe – In support of the youth programs and senior programs.
- Delegate Jamila Woods – No comments.
- Evelyn Wilson – Concerned that with the funding being decreased, grants may not be as beneficial to organizations.
- Delegate Turner – Disappointed that funding has decreased. Believes that there were not enough funds this year to help people. Agrees with increasing budget to \$1.5M. Concerns were raised regarding the destination and allocation of funds.
- Evalina Huggins – Agrees with Delegate Turner’s statement.
- Kanika Bynum – Explains budget process: County Executive will make a recommendation on the multiyear spending plan funding. Some of the funding is mandated by the state in terms of the destination of funds. It will then go to the County Council’s office, in which they have 45 days to review/amend/comment on the budget. From there, their recommendation will go to LDC, who also has 45 days to review/amend/comment. Once comments are received from LDC, the council will vote on how funds will be allocated and move forward with sending out payments.
- Council Member Edward Burroughs discussion with LDC regarding proposed budget
 - Community College
 - Provided an explanation of the reallocation of funds taken away from the community college. It was developed based on Council recommendation. There is \$1.4M sitting in the account that is not used. The goal is to fill gaps in funding/scholarships.
 - Dr. Latimore asked about the same organizations receiving funding continuously.
 - Crossland, Thurgood Marshall, Oxon Hill, and Oxon Hill Middle continue to receive funding because they involve social work, that follows the students from 9th – 12th grade, and we wouldn’t want to remove the services from them.
 - Dr. Latimore asked about 100 Black Men being funded for the last 4-5 years.
 - They are heavily involved in STEM, they are paired with successful black men in the community. Willing to set up a meeting to present services to LDC.
 - Police Pride Event
 - Held every year at National Harbor
 - They ask for grant money forward every year.
 - Accommodating their request for financial support for the event
 - Line Item for Youth Apprenticeship and Job Program
 - Attempted to be responsive to the conversation with Dr. Latimore

- The youth may not have as many opportunities for gainful employment.
 - Most of the funds are going directly to the salaries of the youth.
 - Contacted various trades and businesses in the area to participate in the program.
 - The goal is to employ over 200 young people.
 - There are workshops held prior to starting work for training and preparation.
- Delegate Woods
 - Thank you for sharing more information.
 - Can we look at ways to work together more strategically to ensure providing adequate funding to organizations in the impact area?
 - Why is such a huge amount of funding being decreased?
 - There may be a disconnect in communication.
 - Want to be sure we can meet the needs of people impacted in this area.
 - Dr. Latimore reiterated that the LDC and CM B office should meet before the MYSP is disseminated and discuss the needs based on the LDC Needs assessment.
 - Do not believe it is a communication issue as have not met in the past.
 - Herb Jones
 - How evaluate the impact of the money LDC gives?
 - Dr. Latimore discussed the role of the oversight committee and mid-year and final reports that are collected each grant cycle.
 - This year a letter was sent asking for more information to show that money was spent as intended.
 - If you did not submit reports, will not receive funding in the future.
 - Some applicants provided services outside of the impact area.
 - Oversight committee reads the narratives in detail.
 - Dani Moore-King
 - What are the chances of submitting the recommendations/comments by tomorrow?
 - Dr. Latimore said “there is no chance” reiterated that LDC has 45 days.
 - Would like to make a motion that the comments are submitted tomorrow.
 - Kanika Bynum confirmed the timeline.
 - There are 45 days to comment.
 - When the LDC plans to comment is an internal decision
 - Delegate Woods
 - Understands timeline; For the sake of making sure people receive their funding, is there a way to submit prior to 45 days?
 - Dr. Latimore
 - Received proposed budget October 2, 2024
 - CM Burroughs’ office provided 2 days prior
 - Why does it need to be in tomorrow if the law allows 45 days? Why is there the notion that people are not going to be funded?
 - If the County Executive Office needs it by the 24th and then gets it to County Council before recess in November, then what is the issue?
 - If legislation is not brought up by November, it will be brought up next session (Jan/Feb), payments will go out then.

- Not stalling but not able to submit by tomorrow as there are time constraints.
- Herb Jones
 - Understands we all have to work
 - 45 and 45 = 90 days
 - With holiday in mind, seems like will be reviewed in January.
 - Dr. Latimore responded with the timeline of sharing comments before the 45 days.
 - County lawyer provided the law, not asked
- Councilman Edward Burroughs
 - The plan usually comes from County Executive by June/July, this year came later on September 5th
 - If the plan does not pass by the end of this session, programs will not have the funding needed to continue through next year for March distributions.
 - There will strong consequences if not submitted asap.
- Christina Jackson
 - Would like to second motion of Dani Moore-King
 - Wants to make sure everything is pushed through as quickly as possible.
- Patricia Monroe
 - Shared how canceling programs will impact the community.
 - Example: Lawn services provided, but if funding is cut, those who benefit will lose the service and would be adversely financially impacted
- Senator Muse
 - Would like to amend the motion to extend the timeline for Dr. Latimore to submit within 7 days.
- Delegate Woods
 - We cannot motion anything that conflicts with the law.
 - The county council is not being asked to shorten their 45 days, but the LDC is.
 - We are all compassionate about serving PG County.
 - It's a procedural and legislative conflict. The process needs to be looked over so that all entities can have the same time allowed.
 - Dr. Latimore mentioned multiple times she does not intend to take the 45 days.
- Senator Muse
 - Legal to make a motion on timeline of LDC response being submitted.
 - If you get information over the weekend, could we get an answer and get it moved on within 10 days?
 - If we can submit within 10 days, it's still within the timeline for the council to deal with it and no motion is necessary.
 - Even if a motion was made for that, it would still be in order.
- Dr. Latimore
 - The timeline starts today now that the comments can be heard and included in the LDC submission.
 - I understand that the programs are needed and how critical they are.
 - Give me the opportunity to put the package together.
 - We need to speak with the county attorneys because there is a conflict with the laws.

- To make a motion for me to submit tomorrow is not attainable.
- Delegate Turner
 - Also needs to be in the meeting within the 10 days before submission.
- Delegate Woods
 - There is not a legal conflict when something is within 45 days.
 - We did not address the motion that is on the floor.
 - The recommendations are being made on the base of the LDC.

Open Forum

- Dr. Latimore will be certain to work on it to meet the 10-day submission.
 - She is dedicated to getting it completed.
- Will follow up on the legislative process regarding timeline and motions.
- Dani Moore-King
 - I would like to offer any help that I can give to ensure submission.

Adjournment

- Dr. Latimore moved to motion adjournment at 8:37 p.m.
- Seconded by Delegate Turner
- All in favor