



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

## Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

7:00 PM

### Minutes (Adopted)

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

- Montina Anderson
- Patricia Britton
- Jeffrey Chandler
- Michael Errico
- Mary Larkin
- Manervia Riddick
- Zeno St. Cyr II
- Veronica Turner
- Kerry Watson (representing MGM National Harbor)

#### PGCLDC Members Absent:

- Anita Gonzalez - *Excused*
- Senator C. Anthony Muse (26<sup>th</sup> District)
- Johnnie Osborne
- Javier Torres
- Delegate Kris Valderrama (26<sup>th</sup> District)
- Delegate Jay Walker (26<sup>th</sup> District)

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

- Renee Adams
- Nathaniel Tutt

#### Presenters:

- Robin Barnes-Shell (Prince George's County Office of Ethics and Accountability)
- Walter Simmons (Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation)

Approximately 5 residents attended the meeting.

**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

**Opening Remarks:**

Chairman Chandler welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2018**

Chairman Chandler moved to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2018, meeting. The motion was approved unanimously with amendment.

**FY2018 Local Impact Grant Applications**

Status Update

LDC Member Montina Anderson stated that there were 40 FY 2018 Local Impact Grant applications received as of the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. She discussed the timeline and explained the grant application review process.

*Chairman Chandler suggested having an additional meeting to discuss applicant presentations.*

Prince George’s County Office of Ethics and Accountability

Director Robin Barnes-Shell of the Prince George’s County Office of Ethics and Accountability (OEA) addressed concerns as to whether the changes to the Local Impact Grant application guidelines are consistent with the conflict of interest provisions in the County’s Code of Ethics that prohibit current members of the LDC and any nonprofit organization on which an LDC member serves as a board member, from applying for a Local Impact Grant. She advised that moving forward, the LDC should determine what they want their process to look like and seek counsel from the OEA and Board of Ethics.

After a lengthy discussion, LDC Member Montina Anderson made a motion that the LDC maintain the language within the application guidelines regarding conflict of interest for PGCLDC members. Following additional discussion, LDC Member Montina Anderson withdrew the motion noting that she would like to seek additional advice from OEA to refine LDC processes regarding the issue of conflict of interest. LDC Member Zeno St. Cyr II objected to the Chair’s ruling that a motion to delete the conflict of interest language from the current grant application was out of order.

Chairman Chandler thanked Ms. Barnes-Shell for addressing the concerns of the LDC.

**Subcommittee Discussion**

Chairman Chandler informed the LDC members that subcommittee assignments are in the front pocket of their binders and asked the subcommittees to begin working on their assignments.

## **Other Items**

### Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation

Walter Simmons, Executive Director of the Prince George's County Economic Development Workforce Services Division, presented a Power Point presentation on workforce development. He explained that the Prince George's County American Job Center Community Network is a collective group of American Job Centers, community-based organizations, government agencies and faith-based organizations forming the Prince George's County Public Workforce Center. The Prince George's County American Job Center Community Network provides a full range of workforce services connecting job seekers to training and employment opportunities in the DC Metropolitan Region. Mr. Simmons noted that under the direction of the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, the American Job Center Community Network serves over 30,000 job seekers and employers, while continuously exceeding state and federal performance measures for employment placement, employment retention and earning for Prince George's County residents.

Mr. Simmons discussed the allocation of the local impact grant funds received by his agency and how the residents within the impact area are benefiting from it. He emphasized the training program being offered to residents and their goal of utilizing the \$337,700 they received in impact grant funds in FY2018 to provide job certification training to approximately 100 residents from the impact area.

## **Public Comments**

- Resident Jay Krueger – 1) asked Mr. Simmons what happened to the \$337,700 budgeted for the Prince George's Economic Development Corporation, Workforce Services Division in 2017; and 2) suggested that after each meeting the Draft Minutes be placed on the website to review before the next LDC meeting.
- *Mr. Simmons responded that they did not receive any local impact grant funding in 2017.*

*Additional clarification will be provided on the status of the EDC funding for the Workforce Services Division.*

*Note – Due to delays in launching the training program, and based on year to date revenue collection projections that were lower than anticipated in FY 2017, these funds were not dispersed.*

*Chairman Chandler acknowledged suggestions and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.*

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

**Nathaniel K. Tutt, III**

**Office of the County Executive**

**Liaison to the Prince George's County Local Development Council**

Minutes approved: May 16, 2018