



Prince George's County Local Development Council (PGCLDC)

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

7:00 PM

Minutes (Adopted)

PGCLDC Members in Attendance (Quorum):

- Patricia Britton
- Jeffrey Chandler
- Zeno St. Cyr, II
- Michael Errico
- Kimberly Hall
- Sierra Hayes
- Mary Hopkins Navies
- Mary Larkin
- Ernest Lewis
- Senator Obie Patterson
- James Robinson
- Delegate Veronica Turner

PGCLDC Members Absent:

- Audrey McNeil – Excused
- Stephanie Stanard – Excused
- Delegate Kris Valderrama - 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, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Kanika Peterson, Budget Management Analyst, Office of Management and Budget

Approximately 6 residents participated in the virtual meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 PM.

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Chandler welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the LDC's virtual meeting. He asked for a moment of silence for members of our community that have been affected by COVID-19. He then asked the group to celebrate the community's resiliency. The Chairman thanked the awards ceremony committee for its hard work in putting the virtual awards ceremony together.

Adoption of Minutes – September 16, 2020

LDC Member Michael Errico moved to adopt the September meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II, then approved unanimously by the LDC.

Becky Lee Foundation Request for FY2019 Funds

The Becky Lee Foundation applied and was awarded \$20,000 in June 2019. They were informed October 2019 that their funds were withheld because OMB never received their MOU. They submitted an MOU September 2020 and requested the grant be disbursed. The general LDC consensus is to have Becky Lee reapply for FY2021 using the new MOU. The Chairman entertained a motion to present that resolution to the Becky Lee Foundation. LDC Member Mary Larkin moved, LDC Member Michael Errico seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by the LDC.

Request to Repurpose FY2020 Funds

Coalition for Stronger Communities has asked to modify their grant funds in order to deliver their program virtually. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II made a motion to approved Coalition for Stronger Communities' request to modify their FY2020 use of funds, LDC Member Mary Larkin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the LDC.

Update on CB-050-2020

CB-050-2020 was heard by the Committee of the Whole September 29th. The LDC had taken no position on the proposed bill. The council raised concerns about the limiting timeline of the multi-year spending plan proposal. That could be used as an opportunity to raise our own concerns about our limited time with the multi-year spending plan. Discussion has been tabled. Meanwhile, the County Council would like the LDC to take a position. LDC Member Mary Larkin would like the LDC to receive an accounting of the funds and asked that the school system speak to the LDC about their position on CB-050-2020. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II emphasized that both the county council and the LDC have been asking for more accountability with the funds and that any report from the school system should be in the form of an audit. He also added that he supports CB-050-2020 but he would be in support of rescinding previous bills that dictated use of funds through legislation. LDC Member Senator Patterson moved that the LDC takes a position to oppose CB-050-2020, It was seconded by LDC Member James Robinson. Before the LDC voted, LDC Member Kimberly Hall stated she would be in favor of waiting to vote until there was more information provided by the school

system. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II asked had the County Executive taken a position. LDC Member Mary Larkin responded that the County Executive is opposed to moving funds from Crossland HS. The motion was restated, seconded, and was approved by the following means:

Yays: Patricia Britton, Jeffrey Chandler, Kimberly Hall, Sierra Hayes, Mary Hopkins Navies, Mary Larkin, Senator Obie Patterson, James Robinson, Delegate Veronica Turner

Nays: Zeno St. Cyr, II

Abstentions: Michael Errico, Ernest Lewis

Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II clarified that he voted nay because he would have preferred to have seen the audit from the school system before voting. Amber Hendricks clarified that OMB does not perform auditing functions and would not be able to audit any reports from the school system. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II mention that Council Chair Turner suggested we get help from the Office of Audits and Investigations.

Update on Final FY2019 Grant Reporting

The Chairman brought forth the suggestion that the grant reporting be reviewed by OMB before it comes to the LDC. Based in what the LDC is looking for in the review OMB would be able to inform the LDC of what the office is and is not able to provide. LDC Member Michael Errico suggested that the LDC work with OMB to craft a better more targeted report template, commenting that in many of the reports the most important data can be buried in pages of narrative. Amber Hendricks stated that recommending a standard reporting template would be within OMB's scope and offered to help.

Multi-year Spending Plan

The LDC received the multi-year spending plan on October 12th, 2020 from the Office of the County Executive. The LDC's 45-day response window ends on November 27th, 2020. Amber Hendricks provided a presentation of the multi-year spending plan then opened the floor for questions:

- The Chairman asked if there was an official accounting of Employ Prince George's expenditures?
 - Not one specific to the LDC grant.
- LDC Member Senator Patterson asked why the FY21 budgets reflects cuts to the scholarship funds and changes to the summer enrichment program.
 - The changes were made because VLT funds are not expected for FY21. The scholarship funds have not been cut, it's always been \$150,000.
- The Vice-Chair asked if the OMB could help the LDC craft a potential recommendation for the future for funds specifically to increase police presence on Route 210 to address the speeding problem.

FY2021 Grant Cycle

Public Comments

- Community Member Jay Kruger - Comments submitted in advance via email

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:52 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Middleton

Minutes Approved: 12/4/2020 (Date)