



**Prince George's County Local Development Council (PGCLDC)**  
**Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**Minutes (Draft)**

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

- Jeffrey Chandler
- Patricia Britton
- Michael Errico
- Audrey McNeill
- James Robinson
- Stephanie Stanard
- Delegate Veronica Turner
- Kerry Watson

**PGCLDC Members Absent:**

- Kimberly Hall – Excused
- Sierra Hayes – Excused
- Mary Hopkins Navies – Excused
- Mary Larkins – Excused
- Senator Obie Patterson – Excused
- Zeno St. Cyr, II – 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 16 residents attended the meeting.

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

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:14 PM.

### **Opening Remarks:**

Chairman Chandler welcomed everyone to our November meeting. Chairman Chandler addressed concerns with participants in the LDC's meetings and process remaining respectful. While anyone with concerns about the LDC or its process is free to raise those concerns with the Chairman for him to address, he urged participants to keep in mind that we can disagree without being disagreeable.

### **Adoption of Minutes – October 16, 2019**

Chairman Chandler moved to adopt the minutes from October 16, 2019. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **New Business**

LDC members were provided the revised version of the FY2020 LDC Local Impact Grant Timeline to review. Chairman Chandler announced the Local Development Council 2020 Grant Application Workshop scheduled for Monday December 2, at 6:30pm and invited the LDC members to attend. A motion was put forth and properly seconded to adopt the FY2020 LDC Local Impact Grant Timeline as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ryan Middleton, Liaison to the Prince George's County Local Development Council, gave an overview of the Non-Profit Symposium hosted by the Office of the County Executive, that took place November 14, 2019. Nearly 100 individuals attended. Mr. Middleton sat on the first panel of the event and gave a presentation about the LDC and the non-profit funds available. The FY2020 Local Impact Grant Application went live at the same time as the symposium. The Office of the County Executive received lots of feedback during the event and following the event. Based on the feedback, the LDC expects a robust pool of applicants for the FY2020 grant cycle.

### **Sunset Clause Response**

LDC members were provided the draft of the LDC's position on the Sunset Clause, which the Chairman and LDC Member Michael Errico crafted. The Chairman plans to present the LDC's position at the Prince George's County Delegation's Public Hearing scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Chairman read the full position. LDC Member Michael Errico added that in putting together the position for the LDC to consider on sunseting the existing hold harmless legislation on the VLT LIG funds, he and Chairman Chandler fully considered and utilized the written and verbal input from the community on their position with respect to the repeal of this legislation. A suggestion was made to strike the phrase 'revise and/or repeal' and make it simply 'repeal'. Delegate Turner stated she will provide a letter supporting the LDC's position on the Sunset Clause to Chairman Chandler. LDC Member Kerry Watson stated that he would abstain from the vote due to conflict of interest. A motion was put forth and properly seconded to adopt the position as amended. The motion was approved with 7 in favor and one abstention.

### **Local Impact Grant Recipient Presentations**

Cook Healthy Eat Fresh (CHEF) presented for the LDC. The presentation provided an overview of the program, showcased accomplishments and progress to date, and established goals and next steps.

Community Advocates for Family & Youth presented for the LDC. The presentation provided an overview of the program, showcased accomplishments and progress to date, and established goals and next steps.

Community Builders, LTD presented to 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 Kerry addressed negative comments shared by a guest at the non-profit symposium that incorrectly stated amongst other things that MGM Casino had in some way limited the number of grants awarded during the FY2019 grant cycle. He asked fellow LDC Members and community members to help dispel the myth that MGM Casino is connected to the distribution of LDC funds.

### **Public Comments**

- Community Member Jay Kruger – 1) thanked the LDC for taking a position on the Sunset Clause, 2) asked if the LDC would help sponsor a bill to in connection with the Sunset Clause position to bolster their position, 3) encouraged the LDC to start early on education and youth funding by engaging the schools and community to see what they want/need, 4) and stated he'd like to see more enrichment programs like those presented at the meeting as oppose to using education and youth funds for maintenance efforts and asbestos abatement in schools
- Community Member Kimberly Vankline – Invited the LDC and community members to attend their Purple and Gold Fundraiser Gala planned for February. She will keep the LDC posted as more information is available.

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

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:06 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

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

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