



Prince George's County Local Development Council (PGCLDC)

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 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 Larkins
- Senator Obie Patterson
- James Robinson
- Stephanie Stanard
- Delegate Veronica Turner

PGCLDC Members Absent:

- Ernest Lewis - Excused
- Audrey McNeil – 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 11 residents participated in the virtual meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01 PM.

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Chandler welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the LDC's virtual meeting. Next, he asked for a moment of silence for members of our community that have been affected by COVID-19.

Adoption of Minutes – October 21, 2020

Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II suggested two changes and an edit on the October 21st minutes. LDC Member Stephanie Stanard asked for a correction to her attendance for the October 21st meeting. The Chairman accepted a motion to adopt the minutes with the necessary corrections. The motion was seconded, then approved unanimously by the LDC.

Guest Speaker – Employ Prince George's

Walter Simmons, President of Employ Prince George's, provided an overview of the VLT funding uses and answered questions from the LDC:

- Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II asked why it's taking so long for the center to open.
 - Walter Simmons – The initial delay was due to the distribution of funds in allotments. It created a time-delay at each phase of construction.
- Chairman Chandler asked how many residents have been served by existing programs.
 - Walter Simmons – Last year, approximately 60 community members were served.

Guest Speaker – Prince George's County Public Schools

Dr. Jean-Paul Cadet and Judith White provided an overview of the VLT funding uses specific to Crossland High School and took questions from the LDC:

- LDC Member Kimberly Hall asked what measures are in place to gauge success and when would the school system expect to have the results of those measurements.
 - Dr. Cadet – The first freshman class started in August. They are the first full class. In terms of success, CTE is measured through student performance on Technical Skills Assessments. The Technical Skills Assessments are the credentialing tests that students take to be certified in their respective fields. More students will graduate from CTE and pass Technical Skills Assessments.
- LDC Member James Robinson asked if Crossland was experiencing similar funding delays as Employ Prince George's. Dr. Cadet responded that Crossland is not experiencing similar delays because PGCPs has a different method of funding distribution.
- LDC Member Senator Patterson asked if Crossland could consider opening in the evening for job training for out of work adults who may have been affected by the pandemic.
 - Dr. Cadet agreed to take the suggestion back to the larger body.

- Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II agreed that it could be a good idea to have a night program for area adults. He asked how many students are in the initial class and to what extent Crossland is trying to have students to sit for a national certification or Maryland certification and whether that would be a metric for success.
 - Dr. Cadet – There are 378 freshmen in the first class. The Technical Skills Assessments are state approved certification or licensing exams for Maryland CTE programs of study. They are the same exams anyone else would receive when seeking credentialing. PGCPS pushes students to receive the highest levels of certification, credentialing, and licensing in whatever field offered.
- LDC Member Kimberly Hall encouraged the school system to consider some of the technology certifications available for inclusion in the program.

Multi-Year Spending Plan

The FY2021 grant cycle cannot begin until the multi-year spending plan has been approved through the County Council. As soon as it is approved, the LDC will set dates for the grant cycle and roll out the application and workshop. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II asked if it was possible to propose funds for enhanced public safety enforcement along MD 210. The Chairman will draft the LDC’s response including comments made tonight. There were public comments submitted in advance specific to the multi-year spending plan:

- Has there been any legislation or response to the LDC’s concerns with the hold harmless provision?
 - There has been no headway made in this area despite our legislators’ best efforts. Our legislators will continue to push to sunset the provision.
- Are there any other bills introduced on the county or state level that might impact the local impact funds?
 - There is nothing to our knowledge that we haven’t already discussed.

PGCLDC Terms of Office

There are five LDC Members whose terms will expire in January 2021. The Office of the County Executive is reviewing resumes to fill the vacancies. They are also in the process of selecting a new Chair because the current Chairman and Vice-Chair’s terms will expire. The Chairman thanked the exiting LDC members for their service to the community as well as the county staff that have assisted the LDC. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II thanked the Chairman for his service too. He then asked how community members could let the Office of the County Executive know they’d be interested in being considered. Ryan Middleton stated that any interested person could email their resume to pgcldc@co.pg.md.us. LDC Member Michael Errico shared that he’s enjoyed his time serving the community and thanked Chairman Chandler for his leadership. LDC Member Patricia Britton shared that her time with the LDC has been a rewarding experience. She shared her excitement for the impact area and for the direction the LDC is headed. She also encouraged the soon to be former LDC Members to continue to support the LDC and ensure that southern Prince George’s County continues to thrive. The exiting members’ last meeting will be the January 2021 meeting.

Public Comments

- No additional comments

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Middleton

Minutes Approved: 12/23/2020 (Date)