



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

## **Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex**

**Wednesday, December 18, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

### **Minutes (Draft)**

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

- Jeffrey Chandler
- Patricia Britton
- Michael Errico
- Sierra Hayes
- Mary Hopkins Navies
- Mary Larkins
- Audrey McNeill
- James Robinson
- Zeno St. Cyr, II
- Stephanie Stanard
- Delegate Veronica Turner (Sent a Representative)
- Kerry Watson

#### **PGCLDC Members Absent:**

- Kimberly Hall – Excused
- Senator Obie Patterson – Unexcused
- 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 9 residents attended the meeting.

**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

**Opening Remarks:**

Chairman Chandler welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the December meeting. At this time, quorum had not been established. Chairman Chandler moved all actionable items down the agenda until quorum was met.

**Local Impact Grant Recipient Presentations**

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

Hillcrest-Marlow Heights Civic Association – Dollars for Scholars 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 the presenters answered questions asked by LDC Members.

Game Plan, Inc. was not present.

**Adoption of Minutes – November 20, 2019**

LDC Member Michael Errico put forth a motion to adopt the minutes from November 20, 2019 as presented. The motion was properly seconded by Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2020 Prince George’s County Delegation Public Hearing Update**

Chairman Chandler attended the Public Hearing on December 11, 2019. He was informed that without an official bill on the docket that he might not be able to officially present the LDC’s position on the Hold Harmless Clause. There was a chance that he could present the position at the end of the hearing however, in the end, the hearing was adjourned without the opportunity to speak. The LDC will continue to look for the opportunity to present its position. Del. Turner is preparing a letter to submit to the Prince George’s County Delegation in support of the LDC’s position so the LDC may need to take its position to Annapolis. As soon as more details are available the LDC will be made aware. At this point the LDC may just send an official letter to the Prince George’s County Delegation to get the LDC’s position on the record. Liz Chambers, representative for Del. Turner, stated that the letter Del. Turner had been preparing has been submitted to the Prince George’s County Delegation.

**2020 Grant Application Workshop Update**

The Grant Application Workshop was hosted on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. The turnout was smaller in comparison to previous year’s, but the participants that did attend were fully engaged, asked good questions and offered good feedback. The LDC is hopeful that changes and streamlining of the application will result in more quality applications being submitted.

## **FY2020 Local Impact Grant Update**

The deadline to submit FY2020 Local Impact Grant applications was December 16, 2019. Preliminary numbers have been provided to the LDC. So far 34 applications have been submitted. Next, the applications will go to the Office of Management and Budget to undergo their review process. Going forward, Chairman Chandler would like LDC members to get out and promote the LDC's Local Impact Grant so that 34 applications becomes 100 applications.

## **New Business**

Moving into 2020, Chairman Chandler wants the help of the full LDC. The LDC needs to tell its own story because it is more than just the Local Impact Grant. There are many funds that come through the LDC, and that needs to be communicated better. Last year, the LDC funded more than \$200,000 in grants, but the multiyear spending plan brought nearly \$5 million into the community on which the LDC advises. The Chairman is open to ideas and is looking forward to the hearing the Special Subcommittee's recommendations. The Chairman recommended LDC Members visit, attend functions, and fully engage with grantees and with the community and develop a strategy to get the full story told.

LDC Member Patricia Britton asked if there was an allotment for administrative funds that could be used for mailers or outreach. The Chairman responded the LDC does not have administrative funds but does have staff support from the Office of the County Executive that could assist with certain tasks. The Chairman is open to making another request but wants to have the fact sheet or mailer in hand to present with the request. Ryan Middleton suggested the LDC use a social media account to spread information to mitigate costs. LDC Member James Robinson cautioned that maintaining a social media account takes work and would need to be managed in an appropriate way. LDC Member James Robinson also asked about the status of the LDC business card request. The Chairman informed him that the initial request was denied. There was further debate about what sorts of outreach could work and what could be approved by the county. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II. stated that the Special Subcommittee will have something prepared for LDC review prior to the January meeting.

## **Public Comments**

- Community Member Corae Young – asked what methods were used to notify non-profits in the area that the Local Impact Grant application was open?
- Community Member Jay Kruger – 1) suggested drafting a press release to submit to the county and to MGM for release, 2) urged the LDC to generate its own press, 3) thanked staff for posting the monthly reports, and 4) reiterated his position on surplus funds, '210' funds, and Crossland Career Academy funding.

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

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:11 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

**Ryan Middleton, Esquire**

**Office of the County Executive**

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

Minutes Approved: January 15, 2020