



Prince George's County Local Development Council (PGCLDC)
Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

7:00 PM

Minutes (Adopted)

PGCLDC Members in Attendance (Quorum):

- Montina Anderson
- Patricia Britton
- Jeffrey Chandler
- Anita Gonzalez
- Michael Errico
- Manervia Riddick
- Zeno St. Cyr II
- Javier Torres
- Veronica Turner
- Delegate Kris Valderrama (26th District)
- Kerry Watson (representing MGM National Harbor)

PGCLDC Members Absent:

- Senator C. Anthony Muse (26th District)
- Johnnie Osborne
- Delegate Jay Walker (26th District)

ATTENDING STAFF (Office of the County Executive):

- Kenneth Battle
- Nathaniel Tutt
- Charice Young
- LaKeecia Allen (Attorney Prince George's County Office of Law)

Approximately 19 residents attended the meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 PM.

Opening Remarks:

Chairman Chandler welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged that there were no other officials present.

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Chairman Chandler moved to approve the minutes. Motion was approved unanimously with amendment.

Multiyear Spending Plan

Chairman Chandler announced that a response to the County Executive on the FY 2018 Multiyear Spending Plan has been drafted for the LDC's review. All comments should be sent to the Chairman by close of business on October 20, 2017.

Local Impact Grants FY2017

Chairman Chandler announced an Awards Ceremony was held on October 10, 2017 honoring the 10 grant award recipients at the Office of the County Executive. The following considerations were suggested for the next grant cycle:

- 1.) Open awards ceremony to the public
- 2.) Allow opportunities for applicants to form partnerships with other applying organizations
- 3.) Financial reporting

Chairman Chandler advised that the award funding would transmit to the grant recipients within 2-3 weeks. In addition, a letter regarding financial reporting and performance measures will also be sent.

FY18 Local Impact Grant application and guidelines are in draft form and should be ready for LDC review shortly. Only grammatical changes were made. A procedural change will be made regarding the cap to the requested amount. Applications will be available to the public on November 1st and due January 2018. The following changes to the application approval and notification process were suggested:

1. Grant workshops presented by the County Grants Office for potential applicants.
2. Frequently Asked Questions Sessions
3. Reconsider timeline to add in for unforeseen issue(s)
4. Pre-Solicitation Sessions

The Program Priorities and Budget Subcommittee will review and consider all feedback in preparation for the FY18 Local Impact Grant cycle.

Vice Chairman St. Cyr commented that he received a call from an applicant not awarded funding. This applicant tried several time to contact someone on the number listed on his letter to no avail.

County Staff Liaison Kenny Battle requested the caller's information to apologize and follow up with the applicant.

Subcommittees:

Youth and Education (YE)

YE Subcommittee Chair Anita Gonzalez stated there is no report at this time.

Public Safety and Transportation (PS&T)

PS&T Subcommittee Chair Zeno St. Cyr stated there is no report at this time.

Program Priorities and Budget (PPB)

Update included the Multiyear Spending Plan.

Suggestions were made by many LDC members to reevaluate current subcommittee tasks and responsibilities, specifically forming a Public Relations Subcommittee. This item will be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

Public Comments

Several members of the audience provided comments/questions:

- Resident Henry Harris – (1) thanked the Chairman and Co-Chairman for their responsiveness to his inquiries and (2) expressed concerns with the grant process specifically the lack of communication to the applicants and community halting the opportunity for networking and building partnerships.

Chairman Chandler stated going forward the ceremony will be made public to the community. In addition, the FY18 timeline will offer a pre-solicitation session in advance of the application deadline. He also noted the award recipients, along with a brief description of their services, are listed on the LDC webpage and included in press release issued.

- Resident Kaleda - (1) questioned the timeline for 10 awardees to be notified and (2) concerned that one-half hour later residents are none the wiser with information.

Chairman Chandler stated the award letters will be prepared within the next week.

PGCLDC Member Jay Walker stated that the application deadline was extended for inclusion. The grant process was tough and the applicants managed it the best they could.

PGCLDC Member Mike Errico commented that while the PGCLDC is taking criticism, Chairman Chandler in his new role has devoted a lot of time to leading PGCLDC and the members have confidence in him.

County Staff Liaison Nathaniel Tutt expressed on behalf of the County Executive, a Thank You to PGCLDC for completing their first grant approval process and the selection of grant recipients.

- Resident Jay Krueger – (1) congratulated the LDC for their work on the awarding the FY2017 Local Impact awards and is hoping for the best applicants in FY2018, (2). Suggested that the LDC goal should be identifying the community needs before the awards are funded through various county resources (ie: County Stat, TNI, broader communication) and (3) inquired if a formal response was sent to the County Executive regarding the FY2018 Multiyear Spending Plan.

Chairman Chandler acknowledged suggestions and stated that the LDC response to the County Executive was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Vice Chairman St. Cyr asked if the LDC members could vote on the draft w/changes due by the deadline (October 20).

Attorney Allen replied no changes can be made after a vote unless it is grammatical.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:17 PM.

Reconvene *(After some discussion amongst the PGCLDC members, Chairman Chandler decided to reconvene the meeting.)*

Meeting reconvened at approximately 8:20 PM

Chairman Chandler called for a motion to reconvene to vote on the Multiyear Spending Plan response and discussion ensued. LDC members reviewed and discussed the document. Chairman Chandler called for a motion to adopt the LDC's letter to the County Council in response to the Multiyear Spending Plan as presented with the additional provision. Motion was approved unanimously.

2nd Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:43 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

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Office of the County Executive

Liaison to the Prince George's County Local Development Council

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