

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

## Virtual Zoom Meeting

April 17, 2024

7:00 P.M.

## MINUTES

Meeting called to order: 7:09pm

**Attendance:** Lorraine Settles, Rajah Rose, Henry Harris, Rhonda Ford, Kanika Bynum, Evelyn Wilson, Cheryl Laster, Dr. Evalina Huggins, Ebonique Bethea, Preston Ross, Dr. Toye Latimore, DeAnna Baker-Mims, Ernest Lewis, Barbara Holt Streeter, TeQuilla Taylor, Delegate Jamila Woods, Veronica Turner, Dr. Lori Paylor, Delegate Veronica Turner, Zahra Isaacs, Letisha Vinson, and Sharisse Lane

### Welcome and Remarks

- Barbara Holt Streeter

### Elected Officials Report

- ***Economic Matters Committee – Delegate Turner***
  - Balanced the budget April 8, 2024
  - Voted on multiple Bills
  - Bridge Bill
    - Governor's desk
      - Rainy Day Fund
      - Moved money from Transportation Fund
    - Required collaborative efforts from Governor, Chief of Staff, et al
    - Will require billions of dollars
      - Families impacted
      - Those who lost jobs
      - Businesses around the bridge
  - The Rock Christian Church Ministries
    - Requested \$100,000 – denied
    - Moved money around - Camp Springs Elks Lodge – moved \$50,000
  - I Grow Therapeutic Green House Garden received \$12,500
  - Family Serve Act is with the Senators
  - Several Bills got to the Governor including the Bridge Bill
  - Chief of Staff will send a copy of all “after sessions letters” voted on
- ***Judicial Proceedings Committee – Senator Muse/TeQuilla Taylor***
  - 446 Legislative Sessions
  - Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse - Baltimore
    - General Assembly acted swiftly to craft legislation
      - Ensure those economically impacted, supported until port reopens
      - Regional Trade Act crafted to provide MD Department of Labor and Commerce with funding tools and flexibility needed to respond to crisis
  - Mariad of bills passed to improve Juvenile Justice System to expanding affordable housing and protecting consumers to passing a FY2025 budget

- Decisions made through lens of expanding opportunity for as many residents as possible
- Next Legislative Session January 2025
- Budget – Resources for State, County, and 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative District
  - \$14.4 Billion in Medicaid
  - \$9.1 Billion for Maryland Public PreK – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade schools
  - \$100 Million for FBI headquarters in Prince George’s County
  - \$39.75 Million for Community College Construction Grant program
  - \$488 Million for Child Care Scholarship program
  - \$257 Million in new revenue to address the State's transportation needs
- Local Investments (26<sup>th</sup> District)
  - \$10 Million for Adventist Healthcare Fort Washington Medical Center
  - \$8.9 Million for Bowie State University
  - \$7.4 Million for Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
  - \$4 Million for Medstar Southern Maryland Hospital
  - \$3.1 Million for Rose Croft Raceway Economic Revitalization
  - \$200,000 for Camp Springs Elks Lodge
  - \$150,000 for Mushroom Learning Center and Farm in Clinton
  - \$100,000 for Low Power Radio Education and Diversity Initiative
  - \$125,000 for Oxen Hill Recreation Swim Club
  - \$125,000 for Moyaone Community Pool in Accokeek
  - \$4,500 Educare Resource Center
- Worked on number of issues from rehabilitation funds for aging communities to reducing organized crime and mental health to health and wellness
  - Sponsored over 20 pieces of legislation
- Senate Bill 151 - Prince George's County Work Group on Health and Wellness
  - Regarding citizens in State and across Country – disease management
  - Lack of education and limited options and resources that contribute to disease
  - Requires a workgroup to review the availability of:
    - Health and wellness practices
    - Options for integrative health and wellness programs
    - Programs that promote healthy eating and wellness within the county government agencies
- Senate Bill 1111 - criminal organizations, criminal prohibition, civil actions, and forfeiture
  - Increase in violence resulting from structured and more loosely organized criminal enterprises within State – Street Crews
  - Notable increases in number of crimes i.e., carjacking, theft, drug distribution, and economic crimes
  - Enhancement to current gang stature in Maryland
  - Update current code to better address organized crime
- Senatorial Scholarship deadline is approaching, May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - District 26
  - Graduating or in college, please share
- Reach out with questions and to receive report – email and phone number provided in chat
- ***Health and Government Operations Committee – Delegate Woods***
  - 446<sup>th</sup> legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly has been busy
  - Primary sponsor for 9 bills, 5 passed
    - HB 404 – Senator Muse did a cross file on Public Safety Welfare Check requirements

- Gabriel’s Law
  - Requires Law Enforcement,
- HB 1078 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program
  - Remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal non stress tests at no additional cost
  - Coded as in doctor’s office
- HB 1105 – Advanced practice registered nurses' certification requirement and exceptions
  - Allows nursing students to practice in the field once requirements completed under supervision
- HB 1293 – Maryland Department of Health Public Education Campaign on prostate lung and breast cancer, protection
  - Legislative priority for the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland
  - Prostate, Lung, and Breast Cancer are 3 leading cancers in underserved communities in Maryland
  - Invest into ensuring people have information and access to treatment and services to reduce challenges
- HB 1337 – Health Insurance Appeals Grievance Process reporting requirements
  - Explanation of denials
  - Workgroup
  - Bill passed into law
- Co-sponsored number of legislations
  - HB 51 – Pediatric Cancer Fund
    - Research
  - HB 84 – Requires hospitals and urgent care centers to implement evidence-based protocols for sepsis recognition and treatment
    - Identify cause and barriers – alleviate
  - HB 97 – Baby Food Manufacturers must test for heavy metals
    - Effective January 1, 2025
  - HB 1230 – Public Health – Tianeptine Consumer Protection Act
    - Known as “gas station heroin”
    - Prohibits retailers from selling, advertising, or distributing tianeptine products
    - Increase in Maryland, particularly with young people
- Budget
  - \$9.1 Billion for public schools
  - Estimated \$457.1 million dollars to implement blueprint for Maryland's future
  - Funding to help K3 and K4 Pre-K children
    - Funding to incentivizes providers to start Pre-K programs and compensate Pre-K providers
  - \$330 Million to support transportation system in Maryland
  - Bill put in place to address Francis Scott Key Bridge
  - Women’s Caucus – Bill SJ1
    - Affirming Federal Equal Rights Amendment
- Serve as the Executive Secretary of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland
- Serve as one of 4 State Directors for Women in Government for all states
- Prince George’s County Delegation passed multiple bills
  - HB 364 –Stop Sign Monitoring System
  - HB 838 – County Family Child Care Home Expansion Grant Program

- Increase number of registered family childcare providers and homes in low-income communities
  - HB 1037 – Task force to create a division of returning citizens and expand reentry services in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
    - When released from prison, access to resources to be viable community members and productive life
  - HB 538 - Housing Expansion and Affordability Act of 2024
    - Increase the availability of affordable housing in Maryland by changing land use and zoning regulations
- 26<sup>th</sup> District
  - 26<sup>th</sup> District Night
    - More information forthcoming
  - 26<sup>th</sup> District Dialogue Series
    - First event April 27<sup>th</sup> at Accokeek Library, 2-4pm
    - Next event (approximately every 3 months)
      - Surratts-Clinton Branch Library, September 27<sup>th</sup>
    - Oxon Hill Library
      - 2 events on October 19<sup>th</sup>
    - Last event before session starts (January 4, 2025)
  - Legislative Scholarship
    - Deadline July 1, 2024
    - <https://forms.gle/x2UTTb2YRC7BjX7h6>
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
  - Board has approved to commit \$300,000 from Local Parks and Playgrounds Infrastructure Program for new ages, 2-5 and 5-12 playgrounds with safety surfacing at Hillcrest Heights Community Center
- Please contact for questions/concerns and come to meetings/District Dialogue Series as well as testify or propose legislation

### **County Executive Office Updates – Barbara Holt Streeter**

- Partnership and Collaboration with the CEX Office
  - Gratitude expressed to the Delegates and Senator Muse’s Office
- County Executive Press Release
  - Administration secured \$198 million in State funding during 2024 State Legislation Session
    - Done in collaboration with partners and State Delegation
  - Black Maternal Health Week
    - \$19 million in state funding allocated to Luminis Health's women's health tower
      - Expand maternity services and health facilities
  - \$2.9 Million for Greater Baden Medical Clinic
  - \$1.5 Million for CCI Health Services
  - \$1.4 Million to modernize Luminis Health Emergency Department
  - \$1 Million MedStar Southern Maryland ICU and bed expansion
  - \$3.1 Million - Revitalize Rosecroft Raceway
    - Sheila Curry serves as Chair of the Maryland Horse Industry
    - First woman and person of color to serve as Chair
- Announcing Community Partnership Grant awardees in May

- Over 200 applicants requesting over \$14 Million
- CPG = \$2.5 Million
- Stay connected to Strategic Partnerships Office
  - Email - [Strategicpartnerships@co.pg.md.us](mailto:Strategicpartnerships@co.pg.md.us)
  - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/pgcstrategicpartnerships>

### **Grant Process – Kanika Bynum**

- 73 applications submitted
- Reviewing complete and incomplete
  - Being double reviewed within Office of Management and Budget
- 30-40 applications will likely be deemed complete
- Award grant funding in June 2024

### **Grant Oversight Committee – Dr. Latimore**

- Review FY 2024 Grant Applications
  - Will receive applications April 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Need a few more volunteers
    - Otherwise, will ask members for support
    - Need 6-8 people to rate applications
      - Currently have 3-4 people
  - Will assign a subcommittee lead
  - Will coordinate a meeting for April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Review FY 2023 Final Reports – July 31, 2024
  - Subcommittee will review reports in August
- Lack of Reporting
  - If nonprofit does not submit a report, LDC will decide if funds will be granted in the future

### **Community Needs Assessment Committee – Dr. Latimore**

- Need to hear from community
  - What do we need
  - What would you like to see change
- Henry Harris, Community Representative
  - Executive Director of Strategic Music Partnership
    - Help artists create quality content that inspires music art
    - Go to nursing homes and do concerts
  - Some of the arts are limited to certain places and types of programming – sold out events
    - Southern Recreation Center
    - Harmony Hall
  - Need more opportunities for up-and-coming artists within district or at National Harbor
  - Need more of the art
    - Activities
    - More locations not on rural roads – shopping centers
  - Ernest Lewis will assist and support Mr. Harris
    - Conversation and guidance to obtain information needed
  - Working on a low power FM radio station – Ft. Washington
- Rajah Rose, Community Representative and Business Owner

- Business Development Manager for family's landscaping firm in Lanham, MD
  - Artistic landscaping services
- Service DC Metropolitan area
  - Specialize in commercial and HOA landscaping services
- Resident of PGC long time
- Volunteer Firefighter - 23 years
  - Deputy Fire Chief of Laurel Volunteer Rescue Squad
  - Well-versed and connected throughout County
- Here to partner with LDC and help how can network and partner to further endeavors
- Need 4-5 people for committee
  - Send Letisha name and email
  - Need committee lead
  - Hope people from different areas of the district
- Will develop a needs assessment and review the data collected
- Will use information as LDC to guide forward

### **Lunch/Dinner with Council Member Edward Burroughs – Preston Ross**

- Colleague Zahra Issacs on the call also
- Council Member Edward Burroughs away
- Will look at May to schedule lunch or dinner
- Initiatives updates
  - Jayz Agnew Camera Incentive Program
    - Free Security Camera Program
      - Office of CM Burroughs in partnership with Jones House
    - 13-year-old Jayz shot and killed in his front yard in November 2022
      - Culprit is at large
      - If camera, possibly caught person
    - Rise in violent crime
    - 1000 cameras purchased through Jones House
      - First come first served basis
      - 4 installers
      - Developing improved communication system
    - Money granted through LDC
    - Sent mailer to 18,000 people
    - Potential expansion
  - Mental Health Awareness Month
    - Mental Health Symposium
      - In coordination and partnership with Boris Lawrence Henson Foundation and Taraji P. Henson
      - Opportunities to talk about mental health awareness, get resources and counseling services, etc.
      - Those who attend will have opportunity to have free tickets to “Can We Talk Symposium” at the Gaylord
        - May 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>
        - Reduce stigma, break barriers
        - <https://borislhensonfoundation.org/joy-zones-registration/>

- Zahra will reach out to those interested in attending
    - [zisaacs@co.pg.md.us](mailto:zisaacs@co.pg.md.us)
- 988 Campaign
  - Hotline with schools in district
  - Friendly High School, Oxon Hill High School, and Crossland High School
  - Raise awareness
  - Up to \$7500 for schools participating
  - Select students from each school to attend Can We Talk Symposium and show project or essay and take pictures with Taraji
- Mental Health First Aid Certification Training
  - 6 hours course
  - Friendly High School
  - Per Prince George's County Department of Health, 20% HS students in PGC considered suicide
  - Train youth to recognize signs and symptoms
- Jobs and Apprenticeship Yearlong Program
  - Give youth and young adults opportunity to acquire skills
  - Working to create partnerships for internships
  - Learn trade/skill to be competitive in market
  - Community task force to support and coordinate initiative
    - June launch
  - Anticipated launch January 2025
- Scholarships Program
  - Launched last month
    - Mailer and newsletter sent out
    - <https://joanshouseinc.org/youth-development/>
  - Partnership with Jones House
  - 6 \$10,000 scholarships
  - A number of \$2500 scholarships
  - Countywide
    - Post or post-secondary education
    - Can be a trade or college/university
  - Deadline May 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **Apprenticeship Program for District 8 – Dr. Latimore**

- Provided suggestions such as partnering with business owners, pair college students, courts, Braveboy's Office, Delegate Woods. Hospitals,
- Will be on task force to assist and support initiative

#### **Items for discussion for the May 2024 from members – Dr. Latimore**

- Trades for Apprenticeship Program
  - Programs the County needs for youth and young adults to learn in apprenticeship program
  - Minutes for March and April next meeting
  - Change date for June's meeting

#### **Comments and Questions**

- Send an email of all in attendance to ensure communications sent
  - Letisha will send an email to those in meeting
    - Chat and recording will be sent

**Adjournment – Dr. Latimore**

- Motion to adjourn at 8:37pm
- Seconded – Delegate Woods
- So moved – Delegate Turner
- All in favor