

## **Local Development Council January Meeting**

**January 21, 2026**

**Attendance:** Chair Kendal Wade, Kimberly Harris, Sheila Curry, A'Lana Lester, Caitrin Conroy, Lawmont Green, Betel Worku, Ernest Lewis, Dani Moore-King, Earl O'Neal, Brandon Johnson, Pleshette Monroe, Staci Carter, Paula Noble, Nubia Calhoun, Keyanna Morant, Council Member Edward Burroughs, TeQuilla Taylor, and Delegate Jamila Woods.

**Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.**

### **Welcome and Remarks**

- **Chair Kendal Wade**
  - Introduction and agenda overview
- **Council Member Edward Burroughs**
  - Introduction and acknowledgments
  - Thank you to members serving District Eight, especially those within a six-mile radius of MGM National Harbor.
  - Noted funding achievements: free community college tuition; senior support for property taxes, mortgages, and utilities; scholarships.
- **Kimberly Harris**
  - Introduction and welcome from the County Executive Office
- Participants introduced themselves, including county staff, LDC members, representatives from MGM, and legislative staff.

### **Local Development Council Overview**

- **Sheila Curry**
  - Overview of Local Impact Grants and Governing Laws
    - Funding source: Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) taxes from Maryland casinos.
    - Immediate proximity requirement: spending within a six-mile radius of MGM National Harbor.
    - State law allocation:

- 40% to Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway), capped at \$15 million per fiscal year.
  - \$125,000 directly to Forest Heights (2.5-mile impact area).
  - Remaining 60% forms the base of the multi-year spending plan.
- County Laws:
  - 2015 CB-33: Minimum 50% of funds to education.
  - 2017 CB-22: 25% to Crossland High School, capped at \$2.2 million plus CPI.
  - 2022 CB-99: Expands the 50% education requirement to include nonprofits with educational programs.
  - 2024 CB-32: Further expands to include senior citizens programs.
- Role and Structure of the Local Development Council (LDC)
  - The LDC is advisory; it does not vote on final fund allocations.
  - Final approval rests with the Prince George’s County Council.
  - Appointment:
    - Members appointed by the County Executive, in consultation with state and county legislators.
    - Composition: one senator (District 26), two delegates, one MGM representative, seven residents, and four business/institution representatives.
    - The Chair is appointed by the County Executive; the Vice Chair is elected by LDC members.
  - Terms:
    - One-year terms, renewable up to four years (not automatic).
  - Opens Meeting Act:
    - Meetings are public, recorded, and minutes posted on the county website.
- County Executive’s Office Support Functions
  - Provides administrative support, scheduling, agenda assistance, minute-taking, and website posting.
  - Maintains documents, monthly VLT reports, and a public email for inquiries: [pgcldcgrants@theceopgmd.us](mailto:pgcldcgrants@theceopgmd.us).
  - The Office of Management and Budget is involved in financial processes.
- Multi-Year Spending Plan Process

- The County Executive proposes a 3-year plan (currently FY26–FY28) and submits it to the County Council.
- The Council has 30 days to review and provide comments.
- The LDC reviews line items and submits comments/recommendations in an advisory capacity.
- FY25 example: \$16.2 million total; 40% to Route 210; 60% (~\$9.7 million) forms the plan basis.
- Comparative Practices from Other Maryland LDCs
  - Anne Arundel (Live!): Monthly meetings September–May; grants managed by a separate community development entity; LDC is advisory only.
  - Baltimore City (Horseshoe): Meets to review the plan; cost-reimbursement funding; LDC is advisory only.
  - Pimlico: About five public meetings per year; focused on the Park Heights master plan; managed by the Pimlico Development Authority.
  - Cecil County (Hollywood): Meets once every three years; primary focus on Route 40; LDC staffed by Planning and Economic Development.

### **Internal LDC Process and Upcoming Items**

- **Kendal Wade**
  - Vice Chair selection:
    - Members to submit bios to Ms. Curry; compilation and distribution to all members.
    - A subsequent meeting will vote on the Vice Chair and subcommittee leads (quorum of eight required).
  - Spending Plan Review
    - Members requested to submit comments promptly; initial request by Friday, later extended to Monday, January 21, 2026.
    - Emphasis on transparency, clear breakdowns, and expectations for each line item.
  - Legislative Update
    - The Maryland legislative session recently began.
    - Members should stay tuned for developments impacting Prince George’s County.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

- The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.