



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

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

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

**7:00 PM**

### **Minutes (Adopted)**

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

- Jeffrey Chandler
- Zeno St. Cyr, II
- Patricia Britton
- Michael Errico
- Kimberly Hall
- Mary Hopkins Navies
- Mary Larkins
- Audrey McNeill
- Senator Obie Patterson
- James Robinson
- Delegate Veronica Turner
- Kerry Watson

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

- Sierra Hayes - Unexcused
- Delegate Kris Valderrama (26th District) - Absent

#### **ATTENDING STAFF (Office of the County Executive):**

- Shaka Pack de Flores
- Ryan Middleton, Liaison to the Prince George's County Local Development Council

Approximately 15 residents attended the meeting.

#### **Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 PM.

### **Opening Remarks:**

Chairman Chandler welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the January meeting. He then set parameters for the grantee presentations.

### **Adoption of Minutes – January 15, 2020**

Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II put forth a motion to adopt the minutes with the necessary corrections should there be any. The motion was seconded, then approved unanimously.

### **Local Impact Grant Recipient Presentations**

The Arc Prince George's County presented for 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.

The Denney House presented for 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.

Venture Philanthropy Partners, Inc. 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.

### **HB569 Discussion**

LDC Member Senator Patterson provided an overview of [HB569](#) which addresses the Hold Harmless Provision. He believes passing the bill will be an uphill battle, but he does intend to support the bill. He also provided brief overviews for [SB051](#), [SB770](#), and [SB771](#) which could impact funds generated from video lottery gaming proceeds. LDC Member Delegate Turner added that she would work together with Senator Patterson to cross-file his bills and that they are working together on Bond Bills with four likely to come. LDC Member Kerry Watson provided further clarification of the intent of HB569.

### **3-Mile Radius Presentation**

The Chairman tabled the 3-mile radius presentation until the County Stat team is available to participate in the discussion.

### **FY2020 Local Impact Grant Update**

The Chairman provided the following update on the 2<sup>nd</sup> offering of the Local Impact Grant: Due to time constraints the LDC was unable to offer a full 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle. Instead, applicants that would have been procedurally disqualified were offered the opportunity to cure the deficiencies in their applications and resubmit. The deadline was February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 23 applicants had the opportunity to resubmit. Of those, 20 applicants resubmitted. Based on the initial estimate, the LDC could receive around 15 new applications to review and consider for FY2020 Local Impact Grant funding.

## **Special Committee Report**

LDC Members received draft copies of the Special Committee's recommendation letter to County Council Chair Turner. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II provided a detailed overview of the letter and its recommendations. After the overview, questions from other LDC members were asked and answered. LDC Member Kerry Watson made a suggestion to reorder to recommendations to make the request for a Needs Assessment the principle point. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II accepted the suggestion and stated the change would be reflected in the final draft. Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II put forth a motion to adopt the draft with the noted changes. Before the vote LDC members asked about the timeline for submitting the letter and if they would be able to see the final product before it's sent to the Office of the County Executive for review. The motion was seconded. 11 LDC members voted to approve the motion with one member, Senator Patterson, voting nay, stating he would feel more comfortable if the LDC members had a chance to view the final product before voting or if it had been a motion pending correction. An amended motion was put forth that as changes are made LDC members will be updated via email prior to submission. The motion was seconded, then approved unanimously.

## **New Business**

No new business was discussed.

## **Public Comments**

- Community Member Ron Weiss – 1) Appreciates the suggestion for a Needs Assessment, 2) expressed concern with the feasibility of non-profits partnering with homeowner or civic associations on beautification projects
- Community Member Lorraine Holmes Settles – 1) made the observation that better access to information would be beneficial to some of the smaller non-profits in the area
- Community Member Khalilah Denney – 1) Reiterated that there are non-profits out there who do the type of beautification work being discussed, 2) agreed that working with the county was a good resource for those projects as well
- Community Member Jay Kruger – 1) stated that the county charter dictates that only 501c3 organizations are eligible for grant funds so partnerships need to be targeted in order to be eligible for beautification projects, 2) stated that the county charter also dictates the conflict of interest policy, 3) stated that he felt the wording of the recommendation letter which reads, "We recommend the funds expended for education, as mandated under CB-33-2015, be awarded exclusively for capital projects" is a mistake, 4) suggested instead that language be used that requests a special revenue fund and excludes those education funds from the maintenance of effort

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

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:02 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

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Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)