



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

## **Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 15, 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
- Delegate Kris Valderrama (26th District)

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

- Stephanie Stanard
- Sierra Hayes
- Ernest Lewis

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

- Shaka Pack de Flores
- Ryan Middleton, Liaison to the Prince George's County Local Development Council
- Dwight Talley - Special Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer

Approximately 7 residents participated in the virtual 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 LDC's virtual meeting and for adjusting their schedules to accommodate the change. Next, he asked for a moment of silence to honor our friends and community members who have contracted the coronavirus and are battling it.

## **Adoption of Minutes – May 20, 2020**

A suggestion was made prior to the meeting to reflect that the meeting was a virtual meeting and that it was the May meeting not the March meeting. LDC Member Michael Errico moved to adopt the minutes with the noted changes. The motion was seconded by LDC Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II, then approved unanimously by the LDC.

## **Hold Harmless Letter Follow-up**

The Chairman provided a brief overview of the Hold Harmless letter discussed in the May meeting. That letter was sent out on May 29<sup>th</sup>, but as of today we have not received a response. Additionally, there have been no changes to the plans to enforce the Hold Harmless provision.

## **FY2020 Local Impact Grant Update**

LDC Members received a memorandum of recommendation in advance of the meeting. The Chairman gave the floor to LDC Member Mary Larkin to provide a summary for the Program Priorities and Budget subcommittee. The subcommittee reviewed a total of 25 applications. Of those applications, 19 were recommended for funding. The subcommittee was informed that \$750,000 was available for FY2020 grants. The recommended awards total \$744,066. LDC Member Mary Larkin thanked the committee members for their diligent work. The Chairman also thanked the committee for their hard work throughout this grant cycle. LDC Member Delegate Valderrama asked if grant award recipients are allowed to apply for subsequent grant cycles and if any of the FY2020 recommended awardees had previously received grants. The Chairman responded that previous awardees may reapply with the stipulation that their reporting must be up to date and compliant and that they complete new applications for each cycle. LDC Member Kimberly Hall commented that the quality of applications was improved which seemed to be a result of the LDC's efforts to improve the process. LDC Member Senator Patterson echoed this comment and expressed his hope that field visits would be added to the process. LDC Member Delegate Turner asked if disqualified applicants been informed of their status. No applicants have been informed of their status so far. The Chairman entertained a motion to adopt the grant recommendations as submitted. LDC Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II put forth the motion to adopt the grant recommendations as submitted. The motion was seconded by LDC Member Delegate Valderrama, then approved unanimously by the LDC. Adjusted plans for an awards ceremony will be considered in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **New Business**

The Chairman asked the elected officials and Mr. Middleton if they were aware of any pending legislation that might impact the LDC. To their knowledge there was no pending legislation that anyone was aware of.

The Chairman shared that one the LDC's current awardees, CHEF, has announced a new quarantine kids cookout that was developed during the shutdown to provide healthy recipes that parents can make with their children.

LDC Member Mary Larkin would like to hear from the Office of the County Executive regarding what accommodations and modifications will be allowed for this cycle of awardees. These applications were submitted pre-pandemic, as a result some programs will need modifications of varying types in order to execute their programs. Mr. Middleton stated that the LDC would likely be able to offer an adjusted use of funds policy similar to what was offered to the FY2019 awardees.

## **Public Comments**

- Community Member Sandra Bellamy – Did the council discuss the non-profits that were awarded?
- Community Member Jay Kruger – 1.) How much money has the county received from the state in FY2020 VLT Local Impact Grant funds? 2.) How much of a shortage is there from what was projected in the spending plan?
- Ellen Hall – At the last board meeting, it was decided that there would be an extension/repurposing of remaining grant funds for the 2019 grant awardees allowed and that an email stating the parameters would be sent out. Was that ever sent? Our agency did not receive notification.

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

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Middleton

Minutes Approved: 7/20/2020 (Date)