



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

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

7:00 PM

Minutes (Adopted)

PGCLDC Members in Attendance (Quorum):

- Patricia Britton
- Jeffrey Chandler
- Anita Gonzalez
- Kimberly Hall
- Sierra Hayes
- Mary Larkin
- Audrey McNeill
- Senator Obie Patterson (26th District)
- Zeno St. Cyr, II
- Delegate Veronica Turner

PGCLDC Members Absent:

- Michael Errico - *Excused*
- Javier Torres- *Excused*
- Delegate Kris Valderrama (26th District) - *Excused*
- Kerry Watson (representing MGM National Harbor) - *Excused*

ATTENDING STAFF (Office of the County Executive):

- Renee Adams
- Ryan Middleton, Liaison to the Prince George's County Local Development Council
- DeAnna Baker-Mims, Grants Manager, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
- Ameria Williams, Budget Management Analyst, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Approximately 13 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 and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Introductions

Chairman Chandler introduced Ms. Kimberly Hall, Sierra Hayes, Audrey McNeill, and Senator Obie Patterson, as the newest appointees to the PGCLDC. He also introduced the new PGCLDC Liaison, Ryan Middleton, to the group. Chairman Chandler asked that all members introduce themselves.

PGCLDC Members and County Liaison, Ryan Middleton, gave a brief introduction which included their career overview.

Vice Chair Vacancy

PGCLDC Member Veronica Turner nominated PGCLDC Member Zeno St. Cyr as the Vice Chair noting that he has been very essential to the Prince George's Local Development Council and has many years of experience sitting on several Boards.

Chairman Chandler moved to nominate Mr. Zeno St. Cyr as Vice Chairman to the PGCLDC. Motion was approved unanimously.

FY 2019 Local Impact Grant

Chairman Chandler requested that LDC Member, Mary Larkin, lead the Program Priorities and Budget (PP&B) subcommittee with the FY 2019 Local Impact Grant review process. He also asked the new PGCLDC appointees, Kimberly Hall, Sierra Hayes, and Audrey McNeill, to join the PP&B subcommittee.

Application & Guidelines

PGCLDC Member Mary Larkin made the following suggestions to the FY 2019 Local Impact Grant Application:

1. Timeline- new release date of January 18th to allow applicants more time.
2. Update Section VII so that it reflects Senior instead of Elderly.
3. FAQ's. – suggested detail point totals for rating proposal on question #14.
4. Update Section V so that the "Evaluation" will have its' own section.

Chairman Chandler noted that PGCLDC Members on other Boards are unable to apply for LDC grants. Vice Chairman Zeno St. Cyr stated the decision to disqualify organizations upon which LDC members sit was short sighted. St. Cyr went on to say that typically, in such instances, a conflict of interest is declared, and Council members recuse themselves from any decision about matters involving that entity.

Vice Chairman St. Cyr said he fully understands the County Ethics office's desire to avoid the appearance of impropriety but does not believe the remedy is to penalize area non-profits that may feature an LDC member on their boards. He said he hoped the policy would be revisited.

Vice Chairman moved to accept the FY 2019 Local Impact Grant as amended. The motion was approved and carried unanimously.

Grant Preparation Workshop

Chairman Chandler announced that the Office of Management and Budget will be hosting a grant preparation workshop on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

Legislative Update

There is no legislation to report at the time.

Public Comments

Several members of the audience provided comments/questions:

- Resident Ron Weiss – 1) Asked that the Local Impact Funds be used to advance the improvements on Maryland 210.

After a brief discussion regarding traffic and pedestrian safety on Maryland 210, Chairman Chandler stated he will check on the status and will see if a representative from the State Highway Administration can attend our next meeting.

- Resident Jay Krueger – 1) We need pedestrian safety improvements on Maryland 210; 2) asked if there were any changes from the last grant cycle other than award increase and no presentations;.3) suggest having organizations that have a proven track record 4) not having presentations is a mistake for transparency reasons 5) suggested bringing back the “Hold Harmless”.

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

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:32 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Middleton, Esquire
Office of the County Executive
Liaison to the Prince George’s County Local Development Council

Minutes approved: March 20, 2019