



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

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

**7:00 PM**

**Minutes (Adopted)**

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

- Montina Anderson
- Patricia Britton
- Jeffrey Chandler
- Anita Gonzalez
- Johnnie Osborne
- Manervia Riddick
- Zeno St. Cyr II
- Javier Torres
- Delegate Jay Walker (26<sup>th</sup> District)
- Kerry Watson (representing MGM National Harbor)

**PGCLDC Members Absent:**

- Michael Errico - *Excused*
- Senator C. Anthony Muse (26<sup>th</sup> District)
- Veronica Turner - *Excused*
- Delegate Kris Valderrama (26<sup>th</sup> District)
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**ATTENDING STAFF (Office of the County Executive):**

- Renee Adams
- LaKeecia Allen (Attorney Prince George's County Office of Law)
- Kenneth Battle
- Nathaniel Tutt
- Charice Young

County Council Member Obie Patterson attended the meeting.

Approximately 9 residents attended the meeting

**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:09 PM.

### **Opening Remarks:**

Chairman Chandler welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the presence of Council Member Obie Patterson and his staff member Ms. Angela Jones. He introduced Ms. Mary Larkin as the newest appointee to the PGCLDC. Chairman Chandler asked Ms. Larkin to introduce herself.

*LDC Member Mary Larkin gave a brief overview of her career history and noted that she is excited to be a part of the Prince George's County Local Development Council.*

### **Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2017 and November 21, 2017**

Chairman Chandler moved to approve the minutes from October 18, 2017 and November 21, 2017. Motion was approved unanimously with amendment to the October 18, 2017 minutes.

### **FY2018 Local Impact Grants**

#### Application & Guidelines

Chairman Chandler stated that a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document is being created and will be distributed and posted to the PGCLDC website.

#### Grant Timeline & Process

Chairman Chandler stated that there were no changes to the grant timeline and process although there were some questions raised at the FY 2018 Local Impact Grant Workshop held on January 10<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the Frequently Asked Questions document would respond to those questions.

#### Workshop – January 10, 2018

County Staff Liaison Nathaniel Tutt stated that the FY 2018 Local Impact Grant Workshop was a great success. He also informed the group that the County's Office of Management and Budget Grants Manager, DeAnna Baker-Mims, presented a very thorough PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Tutt noted that the FAQs document would be a "living document" that would be shared with all of the participants in the workshop. He stated that one of the things that he liked most about the workshop is that it gave an opportunity for the non-profit community to grow. He also expressed his hope that this type information will help create stronger, more robust, non-profit communities.

PGCLDC Member Patricia Britton stated that she wants to continue to raise concern regarding the eligibility requirements for the 501(c) 3 for grants. She noted that there is a strong presence of home owner associations and PGCLDC should take into consideration how to have them eligible to apply. Chairman Chandler responded that the LDC can revisit in a future meeting.

Vice Chairman Zeno St. Cyr II stated that he attended an Anne Arundel Local Development Council meeting and spoke with both the Chairman and Vice Chairman. They informed him that they provide funding to home owner associations that are not 501(c) 3 organizations. Discussion ensued amongst LDC members regarding the non-profit requirements for grant recipients and the conflict of interest issue for LDC members. County Staff Liaison Kenny Battle stated that he will check to see if County funding is awarded to organizations that are not 501 (c) 3s and will follow up with a clear interpretation on the conflict of interest issue.

*Chairman Chandler suggested that the LDC table the discussion until Staff provides an update.*

## **Subcommittee Discussion**

Chairman Chandler informed the LDC members that he would like to add the following 3 additional subcommittees:

1. Community Engagement – Allows for the LDC to engage the community with the impact area stakeholders.
2. Public Relations – Work with County staff to make sure the entire LDC story is properly told.
3. Legislation – to review County and State legislation that impacts the LDC.

Chairman Chandler noted that he will be stepping down as Chair of the Program Priorities and Budget Subcommittee and asked LDC member Montina Anderson to chair that subcommittee. Ms. Anderson accepted the position. Chairman Chandler asked each LDC member to select an additional subcommittee and follow up with him as soon as possible.

Chairman Chandler expressed that any elected official is invited to attend LDC meetings to hear community input.

## **Legislative Update**

### House Bill 35 – Prince George’s County – Video Lottery terminal – Local Impact Grant Distribution

Staff Liaison Kenny Battle stated that this bill sponsored by Delegate Michael Jackson would have designated a specific amount of funding to go to the Town of Forest Heights. He noted that the bill was submitted as a state-wide bill and was scheduled to be heard today at 1pm. The sponsor withdrew the bill based upon concerns.

### PG 403 – 18 – Video Lottery Facility – Local Development Council Membership

After a lengthy discussion, the motion not to support the bill passed with 7 votes in favor, 2 against, and 2 abstentions.

Vice Chairman Zeno St. Cyr II thanked Delegate Jay Walker for bringing the bill to the LDC for discussion. He also recognized and commended Jay Krueger and Ron Weiss who have been active in the community and for acting as an extension of the LDC. He appreciates their efforts.

Chapter 466 of the 2017 Laws of Maryland – Gaming – Video Lottery Facilities – Operation Renewal Term and Local Development Council Membership (Senate Bill 497)

Staff Liaison Kenny Battle stated that this legislation allows elected officials who serve on the LDC to appoint a designee to attend the meetings in their absence. Discussion ensued amongst PGCLDC members regarding voting power for members and representatives.

*PGCLDC member Anita Gonzalez requested that the LDC revisit the 3 mile radius at a later date. This item will be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.*

*Vice Chairman St. Cyr II distributed and discussed handout from the Anne Arundel County LDC that details their grant process.*

## **Public Comments**

Several members of the audience provided comments/questions:

- Resident Donna Hurley (H.O.P.E) – Stated that last year there was not a restriction as to a member of the LDC being on the Board of a non-profit organization that would prohibit the organization from submitting a grant application. She asked the LDC to revisit the restriction for this grant cycle. She added that an organization should be notified when they are excluded or denied and provide a rating.
- Resident Ron Weiss – 1) Stated that he appreciates that the LDC is open to citizen input, and 2) likes the idea of a 501(c) 3 workshop.
- Resident Jay Krueger – 1) would like to hear from the Prince George’s Economic Development Corporation on the funding they receive, and how the local communities are benefiting from it; 2) Prince George’s County is consistent in stating that the grant funding is exclusive to 501(c) 3 organizations. He stated for other jurisdictions, like Anne Arundel County, the organization must only be tax exempt; 3) Would like to receive feedback from an elected official on how school funding for some projects is being used; 4) suggests having a scoring system for the grants because it would be beneficial to the organizations; and 5) notify applicants earlier in the process, with explanation if not selected, to encourage our community partners.

*Chairman Chandler acknowledged suggestions and stated that the LDC will address concerns as quickly as possible.*

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:51 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

**Nathaniel K. Tutt, III**

**Office of the County Executive**

**Liaison to the Prince George's County Local Development Council**

Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018