



Prince George's County Local Development Council (PGCLDC)

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Thursday, July 2, 2020

7:00 PM

Minutes (Adopted)

PGCLDC Members in Attendance (Quorum):

- Patricia Britton
- Jeffrey Chandler
- Zeno St. Cyr, II
- Michael Errico
- Kimberly Hall
- Mary Hopkins Navies
- Mary Larkin
- Senator Obie Patterson
- James Robinson
- Stephanie Stanard
- Delegate Veronica Turner
- Delegate Kris Valderrama (26th District)

PGCLDC Members Absent:

- Sierra Hayes
- Ernest Lewis
- Audrey McNeill

ATTENDING STAFF (Office of the County Executive):

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

Approximately 7 residents participated in the virtual meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairman Chandler called the meeting to order at approximately 7:07 PM.

Opening Remarks:

Welcome thank everyone for participating in the meeting and asked for a moment of silence of members of our community that have been impacted by the pandemic.

CB-50-2020 Local Impact Grant funding - Expansion to Oxon Hill, Potomac and Friendly HS – Legislation Discussion:

The purpose of this emergency meeting is to discuss CB-050-2020 which was submitted by Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker. Discussion on the bill before the council has been tabled until after the recess so the LDC will use this opportunity to discuss the proposed bill and form an official position to raise before the council if given the opportunity. This position will be the LDC’s position and will not prevent any LDC member from taking their own position as a private citizen.

Council Member Monique Anderson-Walker provided background information on her proposed bill:

- The current law mandates that 50% of funds will go to education
- There are funds that are designated for Crossland, about 25%, however, over the years, the funds have been used outside of the original scope
- CB-050-2020 proposes spreading that money to other area school to include Potomac HS, Oxon Hill HS and Friendly HS
- CB-050-2020 would build in flexibility to use money where it is needed, when it is needed
- CB-050-2020 proposes to use the funds for exposure experiences and associated costs for those

LDC Member Questions/Comments

- LDC Member Kimberly Hall asked what was the rationale for singling out Crossland HS in the original legislation?
- LDC Member Stephanie Stanard asked 1) Why Gwynn Park HS wasn’t included originally or in CB-050-2020? 2) Why legislation was needed to make these changes?
- LDC Member Senator Patterson provided background on the original intent of the legislation.
- LDC Member Mary Larkin 1) Added that Crossland is the only school in the area capable of offering these types of programs Crossland does so the idea was for other high school’s student to come to Crossland for those programs. 2) Asked had CM Anderson-Walker talked to the school system about the Joint Base Andrews program.
- LDC Vice-Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II provided the legislative background for the funds in question.
- LDC Member Del. Valderrama asked 1) which percentage of the designated education funds would be affected by CB-050-2020, 2) when Crossland become the designated hub, 3) how much funding have they received so far, and 4) how was it spent?

- LDC Member Senator Patterson emphasized that there are funds embedded in the current legislation to benefit the other schools and stated the he disagrees with pulling funds from Crossland, and certainly not within the next few years while Crossland is still building itself up.
- LDC Member James Robinson 1) asked for clarification on which students could participate in Crossland’s program and 2) stated if those students can attend Crossland part-time or transfer full-time, then it doesn’t make sense to pull funds from Crossland right now.
- LDC Member Zeno 1) stated his personal preference is there be no legislation that dictates what he LDC can do with the funds other than the mandate from the state statute that created the LDC, 2) stated he would like to call for more accountability in making sure funds are spent in the way they were intended to be, and 3) stated he’d be in favor of supporting CB-050-2020 because he feels it’s more flexible than the current legislation.
- LDC Member Mary Larkin noted that funds spend outside of the intended scope were spent before the tenure of Superintendent Goldson.

Public Comments

- Community Member Jay Kruger – In comments submitted in advance via email, he noted there will be reduced transparency until a special revenue fund is created to keep LDC funds separate from the general fund.

LDC Member Senator Patterson moved that the LDC submit a no recommendation report and leave the decision on this piece of legislation to the County Council. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Zeno St. Cyr, II. The motion passed with 11 votes in favor and 1 against.

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

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:26 PM.

Prepared and respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Middleton

Minutes Approved: 9/21/2020 (Date)