

Local Development Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 20, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Zoom/Online/Virtual

Attendance: Dr. Toye Latimore (Chair), Evelyn Wilson, Dr. Lori Taylor, Delegate Jamila Woods, Ebonique Bethea, Delegate Veronica Turner (Vice Chair), Barbara Holt Streeter, Letisha Vinson, Sheila Curry, DeAnna Baker Mims, Dr. Evalina Huggins, Kanika Bynum, Zahra Isaacs, Preston Ross, Council Member Edward Burroughs, Cheryl Laster, Sharisse Lane

Call to Order

- Dr. Toye Latimore called the meeting to order at 7:11pm, welcoming all members and expressing gratitude for their attendance.

Opening Remarks

- Feel free to offer up anything want to discuss in meetings
 - The Strategic Partnerships Team will record comments and add them to the next agenda for further discussion
 - Give the Council the opportunity to ask questions and bring up concerns

Introductions

- Dr. Toye Latimore invited all members to introduce themselves
- Each member briefly introduced themselves
 - Evelyn Wilson-LDC, Dr. Lori Paylor-LDC, Delegate Jamila Woods-LDC, Ebonique Bethea-LDC, Delegate Veronica Turner-LDC, Barbara Holt Streeter-CEX, Letisha Vinson-CEX, Sheila Curry-CEX, DeAnna Baker-Mims-OMB, Dr. Evalina Huggins-LDC, Kanika Bynum-OMB, Zahra Isaacs-CMEB, Preston Ross-CMEB

Elected Officials Report

- Economic Matters Committee
 - Delegate Veronica Turner, 26th District
 - Just passed the budget today (3-20-24)
 - Introduced with Senator Muse, 2 bond initiatives bills
 - The Rock Christian Church Ministries - \$50,000
 - Will increase opportunity for local underserved communities
 - Mostly African and Hispanic American immigrants and refugee populations
 - Increase and install updated technology

- Cancer has been a huge challenge for people in Maryland and people of color and marginalized populations
- This bill will get a campaign out next year to help people to understand what are the things that you can do, what are the tests that you can take, what are things that you can do to make sure your prostate, lung, and breast are in the best of health
- Bill passed unanimously
- Forth bill - Health insurance appeals and grievances process
 - Demands that insurance companies are more transparent about why they are denying claims, why they are denying pre-authorization for services
 - Bill passed unanimously in the House and the Senate
- Another bill - Welfare checks – Gabriel's Law
 - Requires law enforcement agencies to conduct wellness checks without unreasonable delay
 - Bill passed unanimously in the House and currently in the Senate
- Also served as the co-sponsor of 79 additional bills in the House and Government Operations Committee, 4 bills in the Judiciary Committee, 3 Bills Environment and Transportation Committee, 2 bills in Economic Matters, and one bill in appropriations
 - If anyone wants to know more, Delegate Woods can share
- Submitted a bond request in District 26, Temple Hills
 - Lauren Jones, black business owner – “I Grow Therapeutic Garden”
 - Business: Propel Production Center, 501c3 Nonprofit Organization specializing in social-emotional learning, socioeconomic development and social justice through art, nature, and play
 - Therapeutic garden is to help people to learn about the importance of gardening – a very therapeutic process that helps people to work through the different behavioral health or mental health challenges
- Host a 26 District Dialogue Series with the delegates and Senator Muse
 - Dates provided in the chat to participate – April 27th at 2pm, Accokeek Library – flyer shared with LDC via email
 - This is the time that we, as a delegation, talk about the things that are most important to you
- Passing of Mirinda Della Jackson
 - Assest to Prince George’s County
 - Moment of silence

Council Member Edward Burroughs Office

- Preston Ross, Chief of Staff
 - Senior Tax Credits
 - More than 130 seniors that came to committee to push bill
 - Pushing year-round job and apprenticeship for high school and middle school aged students

- Budget FY2025 – initiatives that want to support legislatively and through budget
- LIG money given to recipients within District and partners – received approximately 2-3 weeks ago
 - Starting to see the impact within community
- Scholarship program for Prince George’s County residents – over \$90, 000 - 100,000
 - Academically, Student Leadership, Enginuity
- Council Member Edward Burroughs
 - Thanks to the LDC Chairs, Elected Officials, Strategic Partnerships, and the Team
 - Will share the flyer for available scholarships
 - Working on year-round jobs program that include apprenticeships and internships for youth
 - Various locations
 - Quality partners
 - Senior Tax Credit bill
 - Passed unanimously last week due to senior presence
 - Financial literacy and resources
 - Partnered with Prince George’s County Federal Credit Union
 - Resident - \$44/month, will match – 500 slots
 - Increase credit score (30-70 points average)
 - Working with Delegate Woods on Mental Health
 - 988 Mental Health Campaign in all High Schools – mental health resources
 - Competition - \$7,500
 - LDC invited to participate
 - Mental Health First Aid
 - May 30-31, 2024 with Taraji P. Henson at the Gaylord
 - Student showcase from competition
- Will share information with the Local Development Council for dissemination
- Bershan Shaw – Mental Health Application
 - Will email information to connect and collaborate

Local Development Council Roster

- Update information to ensure accuracy
- Indicate which members are representing a business or institution

PGCLDC Operating Procedures

- Shared via email
 - Attached to all meeting reminders
 - Please read the Operating Procedures and become familiar
 - Guidelines for how the LDC operates

Grant Process and Next Steps

- Last day for Local Impact Grant applications is March 22, 2024

- Office of Management and Budget review applications for completeness
- Grant Oversight Committee will review completed applications
 - April 19 - June 7, 2024 - LDC committee review/ decisions
- Email Letisha if you are willing to review applications as a Grant Oversight Committee member
 - Need at least 6 people
 - Welcome someone from CM Burroughs Office
 - Ernest Lewis, Dr. Evalina Huggins, Dr. Lori Paylor, Dr. Latimore, Preston Ross
 - Will meet to review and rate the applications
- Present ratings to LDC for buy-in and ensure everyone has stake in the process – May meeting
- June 30, 2024 - FY24 awards disbursed

Lunch/Dinner with Council Member Edward Burroughs

- CM Burroughs extended an invite
- What are your preferences?
 - Ebonique – lunch preference, great idea
- Introduction of Cheryl Laster
 - Representing Delegate Jamila Woods
- Introduction of Sharisse Lane
 - Business owner of “Greenbar” in Ft. Washington
 - Dinner is a great idea
- Will coordinate a date and time

Items for Discussion for April 2024 Meeting

- LDC should reach out to nonprofits to ensure aware of LDC existence
- Please send agenda items to Letisha for next meeting – lbvinson@co.pg.md.us

Website Input

- Businesses/Institutions represent

Comments and Questions

- Cannabis Dispensaries
 - Cannabis Dispensaries unlikely to be 2000 feet away from schools, churches, etc.
 - Cannabis can help people with health issues and diseases/disorders
 - Come April 27th at Accokeek Library to learn more
 - Share your thoughts and perspectives
- Tobacco Shops
 - Not the same as cannabis stores/distribution centers
 - Proximity to dialysis centers
 - Inundated with tobacco shops
 - “Other communities do not look like ours”
- Camera systems
 - Success in community
- Barbara Holt Streeter

- You never know what your last interaction will be, share kindness, take the high road
- “We're all public servants. We're all here to make a difference and impact our community. And I do believe the more that we work together will be even stronger.”

Adjournment

- With no further business to discuss, Dr. Toye Latimore adjourned the meeting at 8:21pm
 - Seconded by Delegate Veronica Turner

Next Meeting: April 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm

<https://mypgc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvd-iopj4vHdzqqHHhoZxjc4VY6vE4ZBYr>

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Approved by: Dr. Latimore, LDC Chair