



St. Mary's County Economic Development Commission
October 19, 2016, 6:00 p.m., Chesapeake Building

Approved – November 16, 2016

Attendees: Richard Braam, Dan Carney, Laura Clarke, Tracy Harris, Phil Langley, Jamie Raley, Tom Watts

Staff: Chris Kaselemis, Robin Finnacom, Dana DiGregorio, Adam Mawyer, Katherine Stormont

Absent: Carlos Bravo, Wynn Briscoe, Phil Dorsey, Tom Sanders, Bill Scarafia, Mike Schroeder

Call to Order: Richard Braam called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the September 21, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Tom Watts made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dan Carney and passed unanimously.

ACTION: The minutes of the September 21, 2016 were approved.

Announcements & Discussions:

1. Jaime Raley spoke to the Commission about the Right To Farm Ordinance. He presented the members a letter of support from the Agriculture, Seafood & Forestry Board to the CSMC in support of the changes proposed to the ordinance as well as a letter from the St. Mary's County Farm Bureau. Mr. Raley addressed questions and comments posed by the Commission members.
2. Robin Finnacom spoke about the expansion of the Mattapany Rural Legacy Area, Ms. Finnacom reviewed a map showing what is currently part of the Rural Legacy Area and the proposed expansion areas. A letter requesting approval of the expansion has been sent to the MD Rural Legacy Board.
3. Phil Langley spoke to the Commission about the Agriculture Tour that took place on October 4, 2016.
4. Robin Finnacom provided an update on the Strategic Plan to Build an Innovation Driven Economy along with the status of Tourism & Hospitality Master Plan. She explained that the Plan must be presented to the CSMC in December. Robin reviewed the Credits & Acknowledgement page, the draft overview of the sections of the Strategic Plan. She spoke to the notes received from Dr. Harris regarding the addition of education as a key component of the Strategic Plan as well as a few citations and wording corrections and requested any additional comments, corrections and questions be e-mailed to her as soon as possible to be addressed for the final draft.
5. Commission members proposed to have an additional work session meeting to go over comments, questions and corrections to the Strategic Plan on Wednesday, November 9th, if members are available.

Adjournment:

1. Tom Watts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Laura Clarke and approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator, DED