

Economic Development Commission
February 18, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Carter Building

Minutes – Approved February 18, 2015

Attendees: Richard Braam, Carlos Bravo, Wynne Briscoe, Daniel Carney, Laura Clarke, Phil Dorsey, Phil Langley, Tom Sanders, Bill Scarafia, Michael Schroeder, Tom Watts

Absentees: James Raley, Tracy Harris

Staff and Guests: Robin Finnacom, Acting Director; Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator and Ron Sweeney, Business Development Specialist, DED; Dr. Philip Favero, Senior Faculty Research Associate, University of Maryland, Institute for Governmental Service and Research; Dr. Robin Parker Cox, Director, University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research; Scott Dempwolf, PhD. Assistant Research Professor University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation;

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting were reviewed.
2. Action:
 - a. Daniel Carney made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Phil Langley and passed unanimously.

Announcements & Discussions:

1. The Commission discussed the Maryland Economic Development Business Climate Commission's recommendations
2. Southern Maryland Higher Education Center funding postponement to FY18 due to changes in the project's design
3. The "What's Going Where" article in the Department's weekly newsletter was reviewed
4. DBED has issued an RFP for the first four tasks related to the Southern Maryland Technology Commercialization Pilot Project
5. The College of Southern Maryland has agreed to sponsor a County funded Innovation Award as part of standing up CSM's Entrepreneur & Innovation Institute
6. A March 25th meeting will be held at Lenny's Restaurant to provide St. Mary's County manufacturer's an opportunity to discuss how manufacturing and other "maker" businesses can grow and prosper in St. Mary's County.

CEDS Master Planning:

1. Dr. Philip Favero, Dr. Robin Parker Cox and Dr. Scott Dempwolf continued the discussion of CEDS goals and objectives. Dr. Favero reviewed the recommendations and comments generated by the January EDC meeting.

Actions:

- a. Commissioners offered additional comments and suggestions about the development of the CEDS goals and objectives
- b. The Consultants determined which Commissioners will be in which breakout group at next month's EDC meeting

Adjournment: Laura Clarke made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Phil Langley and approved unanimously.

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