

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

Minutes – Approved April 15, 2015

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

Absentees: James Raley, Michael Schroeder, Tom Sanders,

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 February 18, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Daniel Carney made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Tracy Harris and passed unanimously.
2. Action:
 - a. The minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting were approved.

Announcements & Discussions:

1. The Department is hosting a Manufacturer’s Roundtable Meeting on March 25, 2015 at Lenny’s Restaurant in California, MD. This will be an opportunity for manufacturer’s to get together to learn, discuss, teach and get to know what is available in our community.
2. The Department noted that the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County approved funding for the design & engineering phase of the third building at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center.
3. The deadline for the RFP for the PILOT Project was March 17, 2015. So far 6 proposals have been received.
4. The Department has teamed up with PaxSpace Inc. to host the First Annual Pitch Across Maryland Event – The Crab Pot.
5. (??Middleton) approved funds for an Agriculture Hub this relates directly to the Emergency Legislation for a tax credit for local farmers if they donate to local food banks.

CEDS Master Planning:

1. Dr. Philip Favero, Dr. Robin Parker Cox and Dr. Scott Dempwolf continued the Goals & Objectives discussion from the previous meeting. Dr. Favero reviewed the recommendations and comments given by the Commission members. Commission members broke into discussion groups and discussed the recommendations and comments given at the previous meeting, they made suggestions and discussed the new data collected in the groups.
Actions:

- a. Commission members separated into break out groups and reviewed the Goals & Objectives and comments from the previous meeting work session. Made addition comments and suggestions as to the data.
- b. Consultants will provide updated information at next month's meeting.

Wynne Briscoe made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Daniel Carney and approved unanimously.

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