

Economic Development Commission
May 20, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Chesapeake Building

Minutes – Approved June 17, 2015

Attendees: Richard Braam, Carlos Bravo, Wynne Briscoe, Phil Dorsey, Tracy Harris, Phil Langley, Tom Sanders, Bill Scarafia, Michael Schroeder, Tom Watts

Absentees: Daniel Carney, Laura Clarke, James Raley

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

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed.
2. **Action:** Phil Langley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Carlos Bravo and passed unanimously.

Announcements & Discussions:

1. The EDC will host a second meeting for manufacturer's on May 21, 2015 at Lenny's Restaurant in California, MD. The event will include a presentation from the Manufacturers Extension Partnership.
2. The week of May 18-22 is Small Business Week. A proclamation was presented to the Department and the Chamber of Commerce by the Commissioners.
3. Michael Gill, the newly appointed Secretary for Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development will tour St. Mary's County on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. This visit will include a luncheon and County economic overview presentation by DED.
4. Chris Kaselemis, the newly appointed Director for the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development will begin working on Monday, June 15, 2015.
5. The Department held a pitch competition earlier this month called Crab Pot. The competition was well received. Competitors came ready to compete with innovative products, services and concepts. A prize of \$3,000 along with a bushel of crabs was awarded for first place. The second place prize was \$1,000.

CEDS Master Planning:

1. Dr. Robin Parker Cox continued the discussion of the CEDS high level goals and objectives from the previous meeting. Dr. Parker Cox reviewed the recommendations and comments given by the Commission members. Commission members then continued their discussion of the remaining goals. The Consultants will provide a summary of the information discussed at the May meeting when the EDC's convenes in June
2. Dr. Scott Dempwolf explained how the EDC's goals and objectives would be incorporated into the economic overview and background studies. A draft of the studies will be issued in time for review during the EDC's June meeting.

Adjournment:

1. Phil Langley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by

Phil Dorsey and approved unanimously.

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