

## **Economic Development Commission**

August 20, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Chesapeake Building

**Minutes Approved:** September 17, 2014

**EDC Member Attendees:** Richard Braam, Wynne Briscoe, Daniel Carney, Laura Clarke, Tracy Harris, Phil Langley, James Raley, Tom Sanders, Bill Scarafia, Michael Schroeder

**EDC Member Absentees:** Carlos Bravo, Phil Dorsey, Tom Watts

**Staff and Guests:** Robin Finnacom, Acting Director; Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator; Scott Dempwolf, PhD. Assistant Research Professor University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation; Phil Favero, PhD. Senior Faculty Research Associate University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research

Topics:

1. Welcomed new board member Michael Schroeder, Director, Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, Technology Transfer Office.
2. Discussed July 16<sup>th</sup> Public briefing on *Potential Impact of Sequestration and Defense Spending Reduction on St. Mary's County*.
3. Discussed August 19<sup>th</sup> public briefing on *NAS Patuxent River SWOT Analysis & Economic Trends Affecting the Future of St. Mary's County* with presentations from Rear Adm. Pete Williams (Ret.), Chairman, Southern Maryland Navy Alliance BRAC Committee and Mr. Anirban Basu, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Sage Policy Group, Inc.

Issues:

1. Discussed vote at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of Officers for the EDC including Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Dan Carney, Richard Bramm and Tom Watts have expressed interest in either the Chairman's or Vice Chairman's positions. No one has expressed interest thus far in the position of Secretary.

Presentations:

1. Scott Dempwolf, PhD. Assistant Research Professor University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation gave a brief overview of the CEDS process and products.
2. Phil Favero, PhD. Senior Faculty Research Associate University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research gave a brief overview of the proposed CEDS Timeline.
3. Discussed CEDS project, process and proposed timeline

No actions were taken on the topics of discussion.

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