



Gateway

Minutes

CHESTER COUNTY GATEWAY DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 8, 2019

Steering Committee Members Present

Sylvia Jennings, Chairman
John Agee, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Angela Bain, Chester County School District
Bruce Brumfield, Founders Federal Credit Union
Ed Sharpe, Town of Richburg
Fred Castles, Chester Metropolitan District
Hal Crenshaw, The Crenshaw Company
Jim Bennett, Spratt Savings & Loan
Phillip Thompson-King, Chester County Wastewater Recovery
Tony Pope, First Citizen Bank
Walt Whitman, MCON Construction

Steering Committee Members Absent

Bhavin Patel, Secretary
Jason Stewart, Chester County Natural Gas Authority

Others Present

Karlisa Parker Dean, Chester County Economic Development
Shane Stuart, Chester County Supervisor
Kara W. Drane, Catawba Regional COG
Cole McKinney, Catawba Regional COG
Brian Garner, The News and Reporter
T. Melton, Richburg Fire District
Jessica Lawson, Lawson Creative Studio
Garrett Crenshaw, Crenshaw Visions

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Sylvia Jennings, Chairman, and she welcomed the Steering Committee members. She asked if anyone had any revisions or edits to the minutes from the May 8, 2019 meeting. Ed Sharpe made a motion to approve the minutes and Walt Whitman seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was Old Business. Cole McKinney provided an update on the Chester County Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Project. Mr. McKinney had met with the Chester County Departments earlier in the morning and provided the Directors CIP Project Forms which will be used to develop the CIP. The Directors will submit the CIP Project Forms to the COG in August. Mr. McKinney stated that the Steering Committee can provide input on recommended capital projects within the Gateway District. It is anticipated that the CIP will be complete in the fall and then the Impact Fee Ordinance will be developed. The forms will be sent to the Steering Committee prior to the next meeting. Possible capital projects mentioned include lighting, sidewalks, crosswalks, wayfinding signs, emergency services, etc. Discussion followed on the one cent sales tax and the impact fee ordinance.

The next item was a brief presentation by John Agee and T. Melton on ambulance and emergency calls in Chester County, and specifically issues in the Gateway District. Approximately 72% of calls for service are medical related and Chester County has limited capacity due to the number of ambulances available to serve the County. Richburg Fire District has recommended that the County transition from an EMS based ambulance service to a Fire based ambulance service to increase the capacity for response to medical related calls for service.

Hal Crenshaw, Beautification Committee Chair introduced Jessica Lawson, Lawson Creative Studio And Garrett Crenshaw, Crenshaw Visions who presented a recently developed marketing project for Exit 65 entitled "Gateway to.... Adventure, History, Industry, and Agriculture." The information is featured on the digital billboard north of Exit 65 and showcases all assets in Chester County that are participating to date. Brochures are also being planned to feature the assets in Chester County. Kara Drane mentioned an ESRI story map as an option to map the amenities and include the photos with descriptions online.

Dr. Angela Bain, Education Committee Chair stated the Chester County School District had completed a CIP and was moving forward with an Impact Fee Study. The School Board has proposed moving forward with several school improvement projects that include a new Chester High School, a new District Track, a new Career Center, extensive renovations to Lewisville High School, and a renovated Great Falls High School. The School Board will meet on July 22nd at 6 PM and discuss the capital projects and options for an election.

Tony Pope, Infrastructure/Growth Committee Chair discussed expanding industrial inventory and site ratings as steps towards certification. Karlisa Parker Dean mentioned a new Strategic Plan being developed by the Chester Development Association and the plans towards the development of a spec building. Phillip Thompson-King stated communications with LGI on cost sharing and easements for infrastructure needs related to new residential developments. Discussion followed on reduced speed limits needed for Edgeland Road. Ms. Dean stated the hotel would be open in late August and the first concert at the newly renovated Gateway Conference Center will be held on November 7th. She also mentioned work was being done to compile cost estimates to clear trees along I-77 north of the Gateway Conference Center to increase the visibility of the facility for southbound traffic.

The next item discussed was pedestrian safety in the Gateway District. Fred Castles presented information on the Transportation Alternatives Program grant application to enhance pedestrian

mobility and safety. He listed the maximum grant amount of \$400,000 and that a 20% local match is required. Additional information will be compiled and the previous plans for pedestrian corridors detailed in the 2007 Highway 9 and I-77 Master Plan developed by Regenbogen Associates and Kubilins Transportation Group will be considered. Mr. Castles will follow up with SCDOT.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 AM.

Approved

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Sylvia Jennings'.

Sylvia Jennings, Chairman

Submitted by

Bhavin Patel
Bhavin Patel, Secretary