

Minutes

CHESTER COUNTY GATEWAY DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 8, 2019

Steering Committee Members Present

Sylvia Jennings, Chairman
John Agee, Vice-Chairman
Ed Sharpe, Town of Richburg
Fred Castles, Chester Metropolitan District
Hal Crenshaw, The Crenshaw Company
Jason Stewart, Chester County Natural Gas Authority
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

Dr. Angela Bain, Chester County School District Bhavin Patel, Secretary Bruce Brumfield, Founders Federal Credit Union

Others Present

Jeff Burgess, Chester County Economic Development Karlisa Parker Dean, Chester County Economic Development Shane Stuart, Chester County Supervisor Cole McKinney, Catawba Regional COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 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 April 3, 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. The Steering Committee discussed the site clearing of trees along I-77 and County Council's concerns with the proposed tree removal. Tony Pope recommended compiling additional information on cost estimates to remove the trees to increase the visibility of the Gateway Conference Center.

Hal Crenshaw, Beautification Committee Chair, stated the Roadway Lighting Project would not be an eligible activity under the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program. Catawba Regional staff will research if the proposed project may be eligible under other grant programs. Mr. Pope mentioned the possibility of using special sales tax funds to implement the Roadway Lighting Project.

The next item discussed was pedestrian safety in the Gateway District. Fred Castles proposed infrastructure improvements that will enhance pedestrian mobility and safety. Ed Sharpe made a motion for Mr. Castles to contact SCDOT about pedestrian improvements and John Agee, Vice Chair seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Phillip Thompson-King and Jason Stewart gave updates on wastewater and natural gas projects. Karlisa Parker Dean shared Economic Development updates and marketing ideas. Ms. Dean asked the Steering Committee to provide input on the marketing program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 AM.

Approved

Sylvia Jennings, Chairman

Submitted by

Bhavin Patel, Secretary