



Gateway

Minutes

CHESTER COUNTY GATEWAY DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 3, 2020

Steering Committee Members Present

Sylvia Jennings, Chair
Bhavin Patel, Secretary
Jim Bennett, Spratt Savings Bank
Hal Crenshaw, The Crenshaw Company
Tony Pope, First Citizens Bank
Philip Thompson-King, Chester County Wastewater Recovery
Walt Whitman, MCON Construction

Steering Committee Members Absent

John Agee, Vice-Chair
Bruce Brumfield, Founders Federal Credit Union
Ed Sharpe, Town of Richburg
Fred Castles, Chester Metropolitan District
Jason Stewart, Chester County Natural Gas Authority

Others Present

Shane Stuart, Chester County Supervisor
Jeff Burgess, Chester County Economic Development
Mike Levister, Chester County Planning Director
Kara Drane, AICP, Catawba Regional Council of Governments
Steve Allen, AICP, Catawba Regional Council of Governments

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 10:00 AM by Sylvia Jennings, Chair, and she welcomed the Steering Committee members. Ms. Jennings then turned the meeting over to Bhavin Patel, Secretary. Mr. Patel asked if anyone had any revisions or edits to the minutes from the March 4, 2020 meeting. No revisions or edits were mentioned. Tony Pope made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Phillip Thompson-King seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The next items on the agenda were old business and the committee reports. Ms. Jennings began the discussion on the banner project. Bhavin Patel stated that the committee met with Jeff Burgess and topics included fees, costs, standards/specifications, length of time displayed, and the minimum and maximum number that can be displayed. The committee will meet again in July to follow up on these items and discuss recommendations.

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Bhavin Patel (Jul 15, 2020 13:07 EDT)

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The next old business discussed were the Highway 9 Roadway Lighting and the High Mast Lighting projects. Additional research has been done to obtain another cost estimate from a high mast lighting vendor besides the preliminary estimate developed from the Anderson County interchange high mast lighting project. Steve Allen stated the COG has coordinated with South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) on lighting standards within the interchange and is still awaiting feedback from a vendor. Discussion continued on the anticipated utility maintenance costs for the roadway and interchange lighting projects.

The next item discussed was the new access road for the Gateway Conference Center. According to the SCDOT Regional Production Group 3 and District 4, the private developer has not initiated permitting, and the discussions with SCDOT to date have been preliminary with no official permit submittal. SCDOT will begin right-of-way acquisition for the Edgeland Road Project in June. SCDOT estimates that the right-of-way acquisition process will be complete in approximately a year with construction scheduled to begin in FY 2022.

The Pedestrian Lighting and Sidewalk project and a potential \$400,000 TAP Application was the next discussion item. Chester County Council will have to authorize the submission of the application for TAP funding and commit the matching fund required for the 80% federal funds and 20% local funds. Preliminary engineering cost estimates will be required for application submission. Discussion followed on involving the Chester County Transportation Committee and evaluating possible alternatives for a pedestrian corridor to be located on either the north or south side of Highway 9. Ms. Jennings appointed Phillip Thompson-King Chair of a subcommittee to work on advancing the project with Fred Castles, Hal Crenshaw, Jason Stewart, and Walt Whitman. The COG staff stated their availability to assist with the TAP application submittal process upon approval by County Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the I-77 Bridge Beautification Project. Tony Pope did discuss the bridge cleaning with United. Mr. Pope stated he will follow up with the Infrastructure Group further on costs and alternatives for the cleaning of the I-77 bridges.

Under new business, Jeff Burgess submitted an economic development report. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Approved

Sylvia Jennings

Sylvia Jennings, Chairman

Submitted by

Bhavin Patel

Bhavin Patel, Secretary