

Gateway

Minutes

CHESTER COUNTY GATEWAY DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

August 2nd 2023

10:00am

Steering Committee Members Present

Sylvia Jennings, Chair

Fred Castles

Jason Stewart

Odell Steele

Tee Melton

Alex Oliphant

Hal Crenshaw

Jim Bennett, Vice Chair

Bhavin Patel

Steering Committee Members Absent

Herby Lutz

Walt Whitman

Bruce Brumfield

Others

Robert D. Long-Economic Development

Erin Mosley – County Council

John Agee – County Council

Randy Ligon – SC Senator

Erika Stahl – COG

Robert Hall – CTC

Lawanna Thompson - ED

Call to order by Chair-Sylvia Jennings

The June 7th 2023 minutes were motioned by Hal Crenshaw and seconded by Jim Bennett to approve the minutes. Vote/unanimously.

Old Business

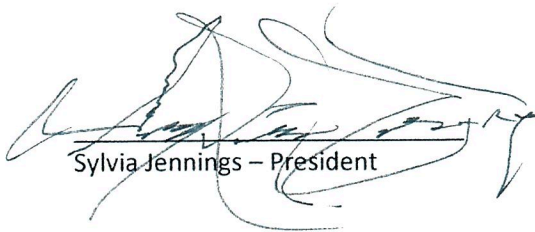
1. Enabling Act
 - a. Copy attached for everyone to look over the new enabling act and will vote during next meeting per Brian Hester.
2. Lighting Project
 - a. Brian Faulkenberry in the position for Bill Coleman who passed away.
 - b. High Mass Lighting project will be completed by December 2023

- i. Cost escalation of approximately \$400,000 +/- has been accounted for by the help of Councilwoman Erin Mosley and Senator Randy Ligon. Both individuals played an instrumental role in getting the funds.
 - c. Hwy 9 Ramp lighting is projected to be completed by April 2024.
 - i. County will pay Duke \$1,400 per month (forever)
 - 1. Committee has asked more clarification on this and Robert Hall will provide more insight at our next meeting.
 - d. Up Lighting
 - i. County to maintain the lights
 - 1. Need further clarification on this and Robert Long will get this on county up keep plan.
 - 2. North bound power is cut by the company that replaced the sign when it was destroyed by the car running through it.
 - e. Duke Energy
 - i. To replace existing ramp lights which are not working
 - f. Commerce Drive
 - i. 200 Feet will be paved and gravel placed on the right side of the road.
 - 1. No Parking signs will also be placed on the right side of the road.
 - ii. Pot holes off Hwy 9 will be patched up.
 - iii. Plans to carry this out will begin in 2 weeks
 - iv. This is all temporary fix, the major renovation and fix up plans will commence in September 2023 with CTC.
 - g. Stanton Development Update
 - i. Median cut challenge by DOT.
 - 1. Area considered rural by DOT so requiring 1000ft separation between other median cuts on Hwy 9. The current separation is between 500-700 feet approximately
 - 2. Developer has asked variance on the distance in terms of feet but have been denied.
 - 3. Steering Committee has drafted a letter of support for the developer to help move things along with DOT. Motioned by Alex Oliphant and 2nd by Hal Crenshaw
3. New Business
 - a. Legislative Update – Randy Ligon
 - i. Tax collections are ahead of schedule at the state level.
 - ii. Lighting project fund has been approved and will be deployed November 2023.
4. COG- Erika Stahl
 - a. Recomp Pilot Program
 - i. Fund by the state between \$20-40MM to get workforce back to job after COVID19.
 - ii. Phase I (organize plans to utilize funds to get former workforce back to work)
 - iii. Phase II how to spend the funds
 - b. Update Gateway Master Plan
 - i. Do we want to update the master plan?
 - ii. 80% will be funded 20% will have to be matched by Chester County or CDA.
 - 1. Need to come up with a proposal to present to County Council.
5. Comments
 - a. Committee Comments

- i. Like to welcome Tee Melton and Odell Steel to the Steering Committee!
 - ii. Potential Guest Speakers at future meetings
 - 1. Scott Bemis – Albemarle Project
 - 2. Stein Edwards – Galo Winery
 - 3. Doug Shannon – Chairman of Schools Board
- b. ED Update – Robert Long
- i. June and July 2023 have had 10 project visits
 - 1. Hoping for a Fall 2023 announcements on ED Projects that commit to Chester County
 - 2. \$20MM project on the Oliphant Site
 - 3. Job Fair September 7th 2023 at the Gateway Conference Center

Adjourn

- 1. Fred Castles 2. Hal Crenshaw



Sylvia Jennings – President



Bhavin Patel – Secretary