



Gateway

Minutes

CHESTER COUNTY GATEWAY DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 6, 2019

Steering Committee Members Present

Sylvia Jennings, Chairman
John Agee, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Angela Bain, Chester County School District
Bhavin Patel, Secretary
Fred Castles, Chester Metropolitan District
Hal Crenshaw, Crenshaw Oil
Philip Thompson-King, Chester County Wastewater Recovery
Tony Pope, First Citizen Bank
Walt Whitman, MCON Construction

Steering Committee Members Absent

Ed Sharpe, Town of Richburg
Jim Bennett, Spratt Savings & Loan

Others Present

Brian Garner, The News and Reporter
Dilip Patel, Dilip Family FLP, LLC
Jeff Burgess, Chester County Economic Development
Karlisa Parker Dean, Chester County Economic Development
Kara Drane, Catawba Regional COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Sylvia Jennings, Chairman, and she welcomed the Steering Committee members. Bhavin Patel, Secretary asked if anyone had any revisions or edits to the minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting. Mr. Patel made a motion to approve the minutes and John Agee seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was the Committee Updates. Dr. Angela Bain, Education Committee Chair, stated that the Education Video was being developed with York Tech, Chester County School District, and the Chester Development Association. She mentioned that the video would be similar to the video created by Hendersonville and will include students and industry leaders. The video is estimated to be completed by June and will highlight success stories and opportunities available.

Hal Crenshaw, Beautification Committee Chair, stated the landscaping lighting project was completed and Chairman Jennings and Walt Whitman did a site visit the prior evening and took photographs. Karlisa Parker Dean shared the lighting pictures with the Steering Committee who agreed the landscaping lighting was an asset for the Gateway District. Chairman Jennings and Mr. Whitman stated that one additional light is needed on the south interchange side and two additional lights are needed on the north interchange side. Chester Development Foundation has additional funds for the three lights and it should take approximately two weeks to have them installed. Once the additional lighting is added, Mr. Crenshaw and Mr. Whitman will coordinate a lighting ceremony.

Under new business, the next item on the agenda was the discussion of new Steering Committee members. Tony Pope recommended Jason Stewart, Chester County Natural Gas Authority, Gas System Manager and Mr. Crenshaw recommended Bruce Brumfield, Founders, President and CEO as potential new members of the Steering Committee. John Agee made a motion to recommend Mr. Stewart and Mr. Brumfield to the Chester County Council as new Gateway District Steering Committee members: Mr. Crenshaw seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Dilip Patel, a prior Steering Committee member, stated he would like to continue to be involved and contribute to the Gateway District activities.

Next, the Steering Committee discussed the site clearing of trees along I-77. While the Gateway Conference Center was more visible due to tree clearing south of the facility, the facility was still not visible on the north side of the facility due to trees along the right of way. Mr. Crenshaw made a motion to recommend to Chester County Council to apply for a tree removal permit from the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and put out for bid to remove 350 feet of trees on the north bound lane right of way located at the Gateway to increase the visibility of the Gateway Conference Center. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pope. Following some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the Gateway Boulevard Designation. Phillip Thompson-King made a motion to recommend to Chester County Council that Chester County officially change the name of Lancaster Highway to Gateway Boulevard from the County line (Catawba River) to the J.A. Cochran Bypass. Mr. Crenshaw seconded the motion. Following some discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Dean stated that the three recommendations (new Steering Committee members, the tree removal permit, and the name change to Gateway Boulevard) would be placed on the Chester County Council March 18th agenda for discussion and consideration.

Kara Drane provided information to the Steering Committee regarding cleanup programs from Palmetto Pride and Keep America Beautiful. Litter cleanup applications can be for a one-time event or a two year Adopt a Highway program. Chairman Jennings stated that the Beautification Committee would work on options for ongoing project cleanup programs within the Gateway District.

The last item on the agenda was the Gateway District Lighting Plan project. Kara Drane stated that a summary was submitted to SCDOT on February 5, 2019 for consideration of eligibility for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) application. The proposed project is to install 42 Roadway LED lights along Highway 9 between Edgeland Highway and the entrance to Giti Tire. Ms. Drane

received a call from the TAP staff person during the meeting and SCDOT is still determining the project eligibility. Ms. Drane stated that while the east side of I-77 had a pedestrian corridor, the west side of I-77 did not. According to SCDOT, including sidewalks in the TAP application may make the proposed lighting project more favorable for funding under the TAP criteria. Chairman Jennings stated the Infrastructure/Growth Committee would work on the proposed project and report back to the Steering Committee.

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

Approved

Sylvia Jennings, Chairman

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Submitted by

Bhavin Patel
Bhavin Patel, Secretary