



Gateway

Minutes

CHESTER COUNTY GATEWAY DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 2, 2018

Steering Committee Members Present

Sylvia Jennings, Chairman
John Agee, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Angela Bain, Chester County School District
Jim Bennett, Spratt Savings & Loan
Fred Castles, Chester Metropolitan District
Hal Crenshaw, Crenshaw Oil
Tony Pope, First Citizens Bank
Walt Whitman, MCON Construction

Steering Committee Members Absent

Bhavin Patel, HMS
Dilip Patel, Dilip Family FLP, LLC
Ed Sharpe, Town of Richburg
Brian Singleton, TruVista
Philip Thompson-King, Chester County Wastewater Recovery

Others Present

Karlisa Parker Dean, Chester County Economic Development
Kara Drane, Catawba Regional COG
Shane Stuart, Chester County Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Sylvia Jennings, Chairman. Chairman Jennings welcomed the Steering Committee members and asked if anyone had any revisions or edits to the minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting. Tony Pope made a motion to approve the minutes and Walt Whitman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The next item on the agenda included the establishment of committees. Chairman Jennings stated that there are four committees for the Chester County Gateway District Master Plan Steering Committee. Karlisa Parker Dean commented on the importance of all of the committees for the Gateway District. Kara Drane provided a handout with the following information with the charge and possible initiatives for the committees.

- Infrastructure Committee - *Charge*: To advance initiatives that support infrastructure planning themes that improve vehicular circulation; enhance the transportation network; improve infrastructure for utility upgrades to increase capacity and support future developments; and participate with SCDOT, CRCOG, and Chester County in upcoming transportation projects along the Highway 9 corridor and I-77 that include intersection and corridor improvements. Other initiatives may include: Infrastructure, Landscaping, Lighting, Partnerships (Mutual Aid Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding), Planned Growth, Safety and Transportation, and Signage.
- Education Committee - *Charge*: To advance initiatives that support the planning themes of cultivating industry and creating destination through education partnerships that enhance academic offerings; support career pathways; and through innovative workforce development with education, industry, and the Workforce Development Board. Other initiatives may include: Development, Education, Impact Fees, Partnerships (Mutual Aid Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding), and Safety and Transportation.
- Beautification Committee - *Charge*: To advance initiatives that support creating destination planning themes such as amenities and uniform enhancements along Highway 9, east and west of I-77; district improvements for wayfinding signage, lighting, landscaping, sidewalks, and other related improvements for Highway 9 and Highway 901; enhanced trail connections for active living; and planning for tree-lined corridors and shade for pedestrian walkways. Other initiatives may include: Image and First Impressions, Landscaping, Lighting, Litter, Partnerships (Mutual Aid Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding), and Signage.
- Growth Committee - *Charge*: To advance initiatives that support the planning themes through protecting existing industrial developments; fostering a variety of uses; promoting additional housing opportunities; creating spaces of value; and funding options for Capital Improvements within the Gateway District that may include Tax Increment Financing, a Special Purpose District, the South Carolina Infrastructure Bank, Capital Improvements Sales Tax, and grants and other incentive programs. Other initiatives may include: Development, Housing, Impact Fees, Partnerships (Mutual Aid Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding), and Planned Growth.

Chairman Jennings noted that the following individuals had agreed to serve as Chairs for the four committees: Dr. Angela Bain, Education; Hal Crenshaw, Beautification; and Tony Pope, Growth. She stated that she was waiting to hear from Brian Singleton if he would serve as Chair of the Infrastructure Committee as he was traveling and out of town. Chairman Jennings asked the Steering Committee members to volunteer for the committee(s) that they would be interested in working on for the implementation of the Gateway District Master Plan.

Kara Drane gave a brief update on the Gateway Boulevard recommendation made by the Steering Committee at the April meeting. Ms. Drane provided examples of road renaming in York County by the York County Legislative Delegation and in other areas of South Carolina by the Transportation Commission. Supervisor Stuart provided a recent example in which Chester County applied for a

renaming of a road and that a similar approach could be done renaming Lancaster Highway in Chester County to Gateway Boulevard.

There was discussion on the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals and their awareness of the initiatives of the Gateway District Master Plan. Fred Castles made a motion that the Steering Committee invite a member from the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals to serve as in advisory role to the Steering Committee. Hall Crenshaw seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Additional discussion followed about organizing an event and inviting County Council to attend to discuss the Gateway District Master Plan initiatives and moving forward the implementation of the plan.

Chairman Jennings stated the next Steering Committee is set for on Wednesday, June 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM. As there was no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Approved



Sylvia Jennings, Chairman

Submitted by



Bhavin Patel, Secretary