

Minutes

CHESTER COUNTY GATEWAY DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Steering Committee Members Present

Sylvia Jennings, Chairman
John Agee, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Angela Bain, Chester County School District
Bhavin Patel, Secretary
Ed Sharpe, Town of Richburg
Hal Crenshaw, The Crenshaw Company
Phillip Thompson-King, Chester County Wastewater Recovery
Tony Pope, First Citizens Bank
Walt Whitman, MCON Construction

Steering Committee Members Absent

Bruce Brumfield, Founders Federal Credit Union Fred Castles, Chester Metropolitan District Jason Stewart, Chester County Natural Gas Authority Jim Bennett, Spratt Savings & Loan

Others Present

Jeff Burgess, CCED Project Manager
Karlisa Parker Dean, Chester County Economic Development
Shane Stuart, Chester County Supervisor
Kara W. Drane, Catawba Regional COG
Tyler Lewis, Catawba Regional COG

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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 August 7, 2019 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.

Ms. Jennings began the meeting by giving the Committee an updated on the "Gateway to..." brochures. Ms. Jennings stated that she, and other members of the community are currently working to update the brochure to reflect current attractions that individuals visiting the area may want to see. Karlisa Parker

Dean mentioned that sites and activities in Chester County are currently being re-designated for the new brochure. Ms. Jennings informed the committee that the Olde English District will cover the cost of printing the new brochures. A completed draft of the new brochure will be given to all members of the Committee for review and approval at the next meeting. Ms. Parker Dean mentioned that there will be an opportunity for committee members to give feedback on the brochure and add to the brochure, if needed.

Hal Crenshaw, Beautification Committee Chair gave a report on behalf of the Beautification Committee. Mr. Crenshaw stated that the sub-committee has met to discuss projects that may be submitted to receive Chester County 1% sales tax funding. Kara Drane, Catawba Regional COG, stated that there must be a Capital Improvements Program (CIP) in place for the County to adopt impact fees. Ms. Drane informed the Committee that the CIP is the process for planning for future delivery of public services, while impact fees and the 1% sales tax are funding mechanisms. Mr. Crenshaw made note of the intention to submit both the lighting project and the sidewalk project to be considered for Chester County's 1% sales tax funding. Next steps will include getting an engineering estimate for the lighting and sidewalk projects, and contacting SCDOT to discuss adding light fixtures and sidewalks along the bridge that crosses I-77 at Exit 65. Once installed, the sidewalks will be along the Gateway Corridor on both sides of Highway 9.

Tony Pope, Infrastructure/Growth Committee Chair gave a report on behalf of the Infrastructure/Growth Committee. Mr. Pope informed the Committee that there is an economic development mega-site that is located beside Lewisville High School that is currently being marketed for redevelopment. Mr. Pope stated that there has been some interest in the site. Ms. Parker Dean gave the Committee an update on the additional roadway to be built to access the Gateway Conference Center from Edgeland Road. Mr. Phillip Thompson-King informed the committee of Chester Wastewater Recovery's plans to construct a new pump station on Highway 9 near the Sun Fiber plant.

Dr. Angela Bain, Education Committee Chair gave a report on behalf of the Education Committee. Dr. Bain informed the Committee that the Chester County School Board has recently voted to approve a bond referendum to include work related to constructing a new high school facility, and has completed their CIP. The bond referendum will also include other necessary school and facility expansions for Chester County. Dr. Bain also discussed the current status of the school buildings in the Chester, Great Falls, and Lewisville districts.

Following the conclusion of the sub-committee reports, Ms. Jennings thanked all present for their participation. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Approve

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ylvia Jennings, Chairman

Submitted by

Bhavin Patel, Secretary