

Baltimore Local Development Council
Meeting Minutes
Meetings held--
Wednesday, April 26, 2017, 6:00PM at MedStar Harbor Hospital
3001 S. Hanover St., Baltimore 21225

Attendance at full LDC Meeting, Wednesday, April 26, 2017--

LDC Members:

Keisha Allen, Jacqueline Grace, Sen. Bill Ferguson (Chair), Andrew Gervase, Aparna Jain, Jill Johnson, Aparna Jain, Alvin Lee, Bill Reuter, Michael Murphy, Wayne Vance, Beth Whitmer

Quorum Present: Yes

Other Members of the Public, Guests or South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District (CID)

Board of Directors:

- Debbie Ally-Dickerson
- Acacia Asbell
- William Bollinger, Jr.
- Thomas Cassella
- Eric Costello
- Sandra Davis
- Walter Ettinger
- Jason Israel
- Brad Rogers
- Colin Tarbert

Baltimore City Agency Representatives:

- Ethan Cohen – Mayor’s Office, Strategic Alliances (Senior Project Coordinator)
- Leon Henry – Mayor’s Office on Criminal Justice
- David Mitchell -- Baltimore Office on Promotion and the Arts

Proceedings:

- 1) Senator Ferguson (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. welcoming members, City agency representatives and the public. LDC members introduced themselves.
- 2) Chair recognized Jacqueline Grace, Vice President & Assistant General Manager for Horseshoe Casino Baltimore, the new representative from the Casino to the LDC.
- 3) Minutes from the LDC meeting on January 26, 2017, approved unanimously.
- 4) Chair reminded members to complete their 2016 financial disclosure forms under the Baltimore City Ethics Law. An extension has been given until May 31. Financial disclosure reports are due annually for the prior year.
- 5) Ethan spoke about Ethics Training, being coordinated by Brad Rogers for the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership (SBGP) Board members and any LDC members still needing training. Ethics training is a one-time requirement.
- 6) Committee reports: Ethan highlighted the meeting dates and topics covered by the Public Safety and Services Committee and the Sanitation, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.
 - a) He reported that Community and Economic Development Committee had not met but he would work on scheduling a meeting of the committee in May.
 - b) Ethan reported that coordination between the PSS Committee and the Mayor’s Office on Criminal Justice for hiring a new Community Organizer position was ongoing. He introduced Leon Henry from MOCJ who was assisting with that process.

- c) Ethan also introduced David Mitchell a consultant/contractor hired by Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts to lead an arts and culture strategic plan for the South Baltimore Gateway (SBG) area.
 - 7) Ethan presented the current version of the FY'18 Spending Plan, based on \$7.5 million in Local Impact Grant (LIG) funds accruing to the City, noting this is 50% of the total in LIG funds projected for the SBG area. The other 50% will be received and managed directly by the SBGP.
 - 8) Ethan presented the Dashboard Report and highlights of initiatives underway for FY'17. These included the following, with limited discussion:
 - a) BPD Supplemental Patrols in Pigtown and Westport since January: 21 arrests (8 felony narcotics, 6 warrant arrests)
 - b) Complete Streets Plan completed. Being distributed to community groups and online.
 - c) Pipeline of 20 Complete Streets Projects being scoped and developed through DOT Planning and Technical Divisions.
 - d) Parking Study existing conditions data presented in Feb. Recommendation due May-June; Phase 2 scoping provided for areas NW of I-95/I-395
 - e) DPW Solids Waste: Analyzing Services; RFP for "Bigbelly" deployment plan (150+ cans)
 - f) Forestry/Street Trees: Pruning, Planting, Tree Pits and Survey. City leveraged LIG funds for \$500K State DNR grant for SBG area
 - g) Parks: Repairs and upgrades underway and being planned.
 - h) Middle Branch/Gwynns Falls Trail – Trash Wheel negotiations, signage and wayfinding projects, repairs to bridges, Bush Street Cycle Track
 - i) Criminal Justice – Community Organizer search
 - j) BOPA – Arts and Culture Coordinator / Cultural Master Plan underway; Transformative Arts Prize Grants (2); MECU-style Community Events Grants (8)
 - k) Health Dept. -- Food Access Grants (8); expanding Virtual Supermarkets; market study for brick and mortar supermarkets
 - l) Reading Partners in five schools, exceeding targets
 - m) Weinberg Library opening at George Washington Elementary
 - n) Public Allies attendance monitors/coaches in three schools
 - o) Environmental Education collaboration with National Aquarium and Masonville Cove starting
 - p) Citivatch/Fiberoptic projects in design/engineering for construction this summer (cost permitting – may be phased).
 - 9) Ethan then focused on the accomplishments of the Employment Connection Center. Len Bush and Senator Ferguson questioned how we can better track outcomes of this program. Ethan offered to follow up and ask that ECC representatives meet with the Community and Economic Development Committee.
 - 10) There was no public comment.
- Next meeting: Scheduled for August 2016 with date and location to be confirmed.
Meeting adjourned by 8:30PM.