

Baltimore Casino Local Development Council
Local Development Council – Orientation Meeting
October 11, 2023
Scheduled time 6-7:30PM

Platform: MS Teams

Agenda

1. Welcome / Introductions – Department of Planning
2. Background & Context
 - Statute
 - Roster
 - Multi-Year Plan
 - South Baltimore Gateway Master Plan
3. Historical Data
 - Timeline
 - Revenue & Expenditures
4. South Baltimore Gateway Master Plan
 - Goals, Strategies, and Recommendations
 - Investing in Communities
5. Currently Funded Activities
 - FY23-FY24
6. Considerations for FY25

Meeting Minutes

Taken by: Ethan Cohen

Prepared by: Chris Firehock, Ethan Cohen

Attending City Staff — Department of Planning:

- Ethan Cohen
- Chris Firehock
- Nichole Stewart

LDC — Attending Members, Proxies, or Representatives:

- Alex Adams-Warrick
- James Alston
- Peggy Jackson-Jobe
- Michael Murphy
- Casey O’Neill (Proxy- Sandra Davis-Brennan)
- Min. Willie Pack
- Councilwoman Phylicia Porter (Vice-Chair)
- Garrett Schiche

- Serena Watters (Proxy- Phylicia Porter)
- Paula Smith-Benson

Guests –

- Tyler McCurdy (Senator Ferguson’s office)

Start meeting at 7:07

1) Welcome / Introductions – Department of Planning

Nichole Stewart opened the meeting and covered the following agenda items.

- Introductions of all present.
- Context for integrating CLIF Team into Planning. Benefits and resources.
- Casino Local Impact Fund-CLIF Program – from Mayor’s Office to Dept. of Planning-DOP
- Introduce DOP Team
- DOP history with Pimlico Community Development Authority
- Goals / Benefits:
 - Align and share best-practices with PCDA process.
 - Access more communications, analytical & policy resources
 - Website
 - GIS, Dashboards
 - Collaboration with Office of Sustainability (Reimagine Middle Branch, e.g.)
 - Food policy
 - Middle Neighborhoods Strategy, CleanCorps
- Interagency Coordination with DHCD, DOT, BCRP, DPW
- Purpose of Orientation
 - Orientation on LDC/Local Impact Grants mandate & timeline
 - Familiarity with South Baltimore Gateway Master Plan & Annual Spending Plans
 - Status of currently funded projects and programs
 - Inform priorities for FY25 Spending Plan, monitoring and reporting in FY24.
 - Schedule and process
 - Statute
 - Multi-year plan
 - Comparison of Multi-Year Plan and Annual Spending Plan
 - South Baltimore Gateway Master Plan

2) Background & Context

Ethan provided a review of statute/mandates establishing LDC and Local Impact Grants.

3) Historical Data

Ethan provided a review of historical trends for revenue and expenditures.

- Historical Background
 - Timelines
 - Revenue trends
 - Spending by goals
 - Spending categories

4) South Baltimore Gateway Master Plan Timeline

Ethan provided historical information on the development and implementation of the Master Plan.

- Discussion of SBGMP process, outcomes.

5) Currently Funded Activities

Chris provided a status update of projects and programs either recently completed or still in process.

- Discussion topics and questions covered MOED Employment Connection Center, Clean Corps, Lakeland STEAM center, High School Violence intervention programs, education initiatives, Community Development Fund, Middle Neighborhoods Strategy, in-rem/receivership, anti-dumping efforts, youth service-learning opportunities, Reimagine Middle Branch, transportation connectivity for Pigtown to entertainment district.
- Request from James for more focused reporting on MOED programs

6) Considerations for FY25

Chris provided an outline of upcoming enhancements to program information gathered before, during and after each fiscal year.

- In review of past spending and preparation for current and future programs there will be a focus on different ways of looking at spending over the years utilizing online dashboards- quarterly reporting, geographic and equity frameworks, one-off projects vs. multi-year initiatives etc.
- Will also have new Program Information Sheets for each budget line item with quantitative data and narratives that will guide quarterly and annual reporting.
- Helping to shape the details of program and project reporting could be function of Governance Committee or Working Group

Adjourn 8:25