

Economic Development Commission
April 15, 2015, 6:00 p.m., Chesapeake Building

Minutes – Approved, May 20, 2015

Attendees: Richard Braam, Carlos Bravo, Wynne Briscoe, Daniel Carney, Laura Clarke, Phil Dorsey, Tracy Harris, Phil Langley, James Raley, Tom Sanders, Bill Scarafia

Absentees: Michael Schroeder, Tom Watts

Staff and Guests: Robin Finnacom, Acting Director; Carolyn Laray, Tourism Division Manager; Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator and Ron Sweeney, Business Development Specialist, DED; Dr. Philip Favero, Senior Faculty Research Associate, University of Maryland, Institute for Governmental Service and Research; Dr. Robin Parker Cox, Director, University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting were reviewed.
2. **Action:** Daniel Carney made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Carlos Bravo and passed unanimously.

Announcements & Discussions:

1. The EDC hosted a meeting for manufacturer's on March 25, 2015 at Lenny's Restaurant in California, MD. The event was well attended. Wynne Briscoe gave a brief overview of the meeting and noted a follow up meeting is to be scheduled for May 2015 to include a presentation from the Manufacturers Extension Project.
2. The Department Tourism Division presented the Tourism & Hospitality website promoting St. Mary's County. Carolyn Laray, Tourism Division Manager gave an overview of the site and how it can be navigated.
3. Bill Scarafia gave a brief overview of the Legislative Session and how it relates to St. Mary's County.
4. Laura Clark gave a brief overview of discussions regarding the new building at the Southern Maryland higher Education Center.
5. **Action:** Laura Clark made a motion to support the Commissioners of St. Mary's County funding the balance of the cost for design and engineering of this project. The motion was seconded by Jaime Raley and passed unanimously.

CEDS Master Planning:

1. Dr. Philip Favero and Dr. Robin Parker Cox continued the CEDS Goals & Objectives discussion from the previous meeting. Dr. Favero reviewed the recommendations and comments given by the Commission members. Commission then broke into discussion groups and continued working to refine their recommendations. The Consultants are expected to provide a summary of the information discussed at the April meeting when the EDC's convenes in May.

Adjournment:

1. Wynne Briscoe made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Daniel Carney and approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator, DED