

Baltimore Local Development Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Meetings held--  
Thursday, November 16, 2016, 6:30PM – 7:20PM at MedStar Harbor Hospital  
3001 S. Hanover St., Baltimore 21225  
And  
Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 6:30PM-8:00PM at Baltimore City Department of Planning  
417 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

**Attendance at full LDC Meeting, Thursday, November 16, 2016--**

LDC Members:

Keisha Allen, Len Bush, Del. Luke Clippinger, Alex Dixon, Sen. Bill Ferguson (Chair), Andrew Gervase, Antonio Hayes, Jill Johnson, Alvin Lee, Richard Parker, Bill Reuter, Michael Murphy (proxy for Garrett Schiche), Wayne Vance, Beth Whitmer, *Quorum Present: Yes*

Members of the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Board of Directors:

- Debby Ally-Dickerson, Work Printing (Pigtown)
- James Alston, Westport Community Economic and Development Corporation
- Acacia Asbell, Lakeland STEAM Center
- Eric Costello, City Council Member, District 11
- Liam Davis, Representative for City Council President Jack Young
- Walter Ettinger, UMMC
- Jason Israel, South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact Distract
- Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor

Other Members of the Public/Guests:

- Brandon Bryant
- Chris Chambers, Saint Paul Community
- Sharon Decker, Saint Paul Community
- Jose Dory, Westport Neighborhood Association
- Ryan Frommelt
- Aparna Jain, Citizens of Pigtown
- Anna Leventis, Federal Hill Business Association
- Michael Middleton, Cherry Hill Community Coalition
- Farzana Muib, Ridgely's Delight Association
- Pamela Oliver, Lakeland Community Association Partnership
- Deb O'Neill, Ridgely's Delight Association
- Vanessa Purnell
- Brad Rogers, Consultant, Advanced Placemaking

Baltimore City Agency Representatives:

- Ethan Cohen – Mayor's Office
- Brent Flickinger – Department of Planning
- Laura Flamm – Health Department
- Jelani Somerszaule – Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods

Proceedings:

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- 1) Senator Ferguson (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. welcoming members, City agency representatives and the public. LDC members introduced themselves.
- 2) Minutes from the LDC meeting on November 1, 2016, were approved unanimously.
- 3) Senator Ferguson reminded LDC members and the public that membership is for one year and subject to renewal and approval by the Mayor for 2017. He announced that the deadline for applications was extended to December 16, 2016.
- 4) Senator Ferguson remarked on the final meeting of the year scheduled tentatively for December 14 to review and respond to the Mayor's FY'18 Spending Plan. He noted this meeting may be canceled or changed to a budget work session depending on the need or desire of members to review the plan in person. Committees may continue to meet on their regular schedule for December (Public Safety and Services -- second Wednesdays; Sanitation Transportation and Infrastructure -- third Wednesdays; and Economic and Community Development -- fourth Thursdays).
- 5) FY'18 Spending Plan -- Senator Ferguson introduced Ethan Cohen from the Mayor's Office who presented the Draft FY'18 Spending Plan for Local Impact Grant (LIG) funding. (See Memo to LDC dated November 15, 2016)
  - a) Ethan reminded those present that starting in FY'18, at least half of the LIG funding will flow from the state directly to the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District to spend at its discretion, subject to the Board of Estimates approving the CID's budget.
  - b) Ethan presented the budget tables illustrating which items are proposed for direct funding by the City using its allocation of LIG funding, and which items currently funded in FY'17 are recommended for the CID to consider in making its own budget.
  - c) There was some discussion and questions for clarification. Richard Parker asked about the intent behind an appropriation for "Future Capital Projects," replacing the budget line for the Steam Line repayment. Ethan replied that flexibility in the FY'18 budget was requested by the incoming administration of Mayor-Elect Pugh to allow for the determination of some larger capital projects that might support long-term infrastructure investments.
  - d) Ethan noted that the law requires 45 days for the LDC to review and comment on the Draft Spending Plan. However, given the holidays, that deadline was extended until January 6, 2017.
  - e) Senator Ferguson requested that LDC members review the draft plan and coordinate a response within the timeframe allowed, as well as considering if a meeting is needed on December 14.
- 6) There was no public comment.
- 7) Next meeting: Scheduled for December 14, 2016, date and location to be confirmed.
- 8) Meeting adjourned by 7:30PM for the start of the CID Board of Directors meeting.

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**The following is from an email sent to LDC Members on December 22, 2016, recording results from an LDC Budget Workshop held Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 6:30PM-8:00PM, at Baltimore City Department of Planning, 417 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 --**

Dear LDC Members,

For your consideration, we have revised the budget for the Draft FY'18 Spending Plan based on feedback received at the November 16, 2016 meeting and from agencies, and [after] we presented a new version at a budget work session of the LDC on December 14, 2016. See Memo and Budget "Work-up" attached.

Attending were LDC members Len Bush, Jill Johnson, Alvin Lee, Richard Parker, Garrett Schiche, Bill Reuter; Stacey Johnson-Roberts (Public--Citizens of Pigtown); Ethan Cohen (Mayor's Office) and Brenton Flickinger (Department of Planning). The attached memo and the related budget table were reviewed then.

The Mark-up version of the memo and the comments below reflect feedback from the LDC members who were present:

- Item A.2 -- Additional Police Coverage: Consider funding the secondary overtime for enhanced patrols through City/LIG funds, rather than through CID, for consistency and continuity of oversight
- Item A.3 -- Police Substation: LDC requested that cost data on the proposed relocation be sent to the Public Safety Committee
- Item A.4 -- Enhanced Traffic Enforcement: This cost could be reduced further, potentially, based on actual expenditures in first quarter of FY'17 -- below \$2,000.
- Item A.6 -- Maintain Surveillance Camera Network: LDC recommended and Ethan agreed to confirm whether this full amount is justified as a replacement reserve. Ethan agreed to inquire as to current expenditures and estimates.
- Goal II Item 4 -- Bureau of Solid Waste Staffing: LDC members recommended that the funding identified for CID be removed from the recommended budget allocations, as its use is not currently programmed.
- Goal II Item 5 -- Middle Branch Shoreline Cleaning: LDC members recommended this be administered/contracted by the CID.
- Goal III Item 1 -- Criminal Justice Coordinator: LDC members suggested shifting this to the City for continuity of the contract position and coordination with MOCJ
- Goal III Item 2 -- Street Lighting Upgrades and CitiWatch Cameras: LDC members viewed this as ideally being overseen by the City
- Goal IV Item 1 -- Community Impact District Program Administration: Note that this amount references the draft budget for the CID and is subject to change.
- Goal IV Item 3 -- Redevelopment Opportunities--Planning Studies: LDC members viewed this as an activity that can be overseen by the CID
- Goal VII Item 1 -- Food Access Strategies: LDC members advised that the programming and grant awards might better be administered through one entity -- either City or CID, not split as proposed -- and that departmental costs need to be analyzed against citywide programs.

- Goal VIII Item 5 -- Coordinate Historic and Cultural Programming: LDC members suggested this activity could be administered through the CID

As noted before, feedback on the City's Spending Plan is requested by Jan. 6, 2017. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,  
Ethan

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