

Economic Development Commission
September 17, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Chesapeake Building

Minutes – APPROVED – October 15, 2014

Attendees: Richard Braam, Carlos Bravo, Wynne Briscoe, Laura Clarke, Tracy Harris, Phil Langley, James Raley, Tom Sanders, Bill Scarafia, Michael Schroeder, Tom Watts

Absentees: Phil Dorsey, Daniel Carney

Staff and Guests: Robin Finnacom, Acting Director; Dana DiGregorio, Sr. Administrative Coordinator; Ron Sweeney, Business Development Specialist; Phil Favero, Ph.D., Senior Faculty Research Associate University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research; Robin Cox Parker, Director, University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research

Issues:

1. Minutes of the June 18th meeting were reviewed. Richard Braam made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Phil Langley and passed unanimously.
2. Minutes of the July 16th meeting were reviewed. Bill Scarafia made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Laura Clarke and passed unanimously.
3. Minutes of the August 20th meeting were reviewed. Bill Scarafia made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Richard Braam and passed unanimously.
4. Results of the election for EDC officers including the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary were presented by Robin Finnacom. Richard Braam was elected Chairman, Tom Watts was elected Vice-Chairman, and Dr. Tracy Harris was elected Secretary.

Presentations:

1. Dr. Phil Favero, Senior Faculty Research Associate University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research and Dr. Robin Parker Cox, Director, University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research lead the members in a discussion to reflect upon the CEDS briefings to date. A three-part questionnaire based on the topics of the briefings was provided to all Commission members for their comments and input. The responses to the questions and additional comments were shared, discussed and recorded.

Discussion Topics:

1. Robin Finnacom gave a brief description of CoFounders Lab and shared information regarding beta testing of the program. Several companies were given subscriptions and asked to have staff create profiles to determine the effectiveness of the networking platform.
2. DVD recordings of the CEDS briefings from July 16th and August 19th will be made available to EDC members at the October 15th meeting.

3. To facilitate the EDC's discussions with the consultants, the December 17th meeting will be held in Room 14 of the Potomac Building.

Actions:

1. The minutes for June, July and August of 2014 were approved
2. EDC officers elected

Richard Braam, Chairman, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura Clarke made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Wynne Briscoe and approved unanimously.

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