



COLLEGE PARK CITY-UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 2016
Public Session Minutes

Board members present

Stephen Brayman
Carlo Colella
David Iannucci
Edward J. Maginnis
Richard Wagner
Maxine Gross
Patrick Wojahn (Entered at 6:05 p.m.)

Board members not present

Jim Rosapepe
Michael King
Brian Darmody

Non-board members present

Dannielle Glaros, county councilmember, District 3
Bridget Warren, chief of staff, councilmember Lehman, District 1
Eric Olson, executive director, College Park City-University Partnership
Scott Somers, city manager, City of College Park
Valerie Woodall, program associate, College Park City-University Partnership

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and opening comments

- Approve minutes from December 14 board meeting

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Maginnis seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 6-0-0-4

- Approve slate of directors to be recommended to the City and University

Mr. Brayman moved to approve the recommended slate of directors the Partnership and send them to the City and University for appointment. Mr. Maginnis seconded the motion. **The motion was approved 7-0-0-3**

2. Treasurer report – Ed Maginnis

- FY'16 Budget Report
- FY'17 Budget Proposal

3. Executive Director report – Eric Olson

Updates

- Updates document includes status of University District Vision initiatives
- Annual Report
- University of Maryland Strategic Partnership Act of 2016

4. Partnership activity

Housing and Development

Updates

- See Updates document

Discussion

- ArtHouse Community Impact Grant Application (See attached description)

Mr. Wojahn moved to approve the Partnership's application for the Community Impact Grant Application. Mr. Brayman seconded the motion. **The motion was approved 6-0-1-3**

- Approval to apply for the next round of DHCD Community Legacy funding for Homeownership Program and bridging grant cycles

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the Partnership's next application to DHCD's Community Legacy Grant for the Homeownership Program. Mr. Wojahn seconded the motion. **The motion was approved 7-0-0-3**

Transportation

Updates

- See Updates document

Discussion

- TIGER Grant, possible application for Route 1 rebuild (Due April 29)

Education

Updates

- See Updates document

Discussion

- Pre-K: Staff met with PGPCS Deputy Superintendent of Schools to better understand their expansion of Pre-K in the County. PGPCS has interest in more pre-K in the College Park area. We will continue the discussion with the Education Committee.

Public Safety

Updates

- See Updates document

Sustainability

Updates

- See Updates document

Mr. Colella moved to adjourn the public meeting. Mr. Wojahn seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 7-0-0-3

The public meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The executive meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED VOTES

- March 25, 2016 Vote to spend up to \$25,000 on a consultant to prepare a TIGER application for the Route 1 Rebuild Project that would result in a complete street.
Final vote tally: 10-0-0

College Park City-University Partnership Updates

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Administrative

Intern update: Hannah Lang, a journalism student and writer for the *Diamondback*, is interning with the Partnership through mid-May. We are working with a communications class to work on website and communications. An Urban, Planning and Design major will be assisting us for her capstone project.

Committees update: Members representing City Council, University, and others have been selected to sit on our strategy area committees. Meetings will begin to take place in April.

Promoting the University District Vision 2020 – event and video: On April 5, the *Diamondback* is hosting a panel discussion on the future of College Park. Several Board members will participate. On April 13, we have a meeting with University staff to discuss creating a video highlighting our work on the University District Vision.

Grants update:

Upcoming/in Progress

TIGER Grant (Due April 29; working with SHA for Route 1) \$TBD
County Community Impact Grant (Due April 18; for ArtHouse) \$50,000
MSDE Pre-K Grant (We will know if a grant is available late March) \$TBD
DHCD's next round of Community Legacy (for Homeownership Program) and Strategic Demolition/Smart Growth Fund (TBD) (June/July 2016) \$TBD

Awarded:

DHCD Community Investment Tax Credit (We will engage housing and development committee on potential use of funds, Spring 2016) \$20,000
Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (Safety Ambassadors) \$100,000

Waiting to hear:

DHCD Community Legacy Reprogramming money for Homeownership Program up to \$100,000 (July 2016)
DHCD Non-profit Assistance Grant (website upgrade, education survey, revitalization) \$50,000 (Late March)

Not awarded this time:

Target Foundation (for Safety Ambassadors) \$15,000
UMD Sustainability Fund for homeownership grants \$45,000
DHCD Technical Assistance Grant (City app for Safety Ambassadors) \$25,000

Housing and Development

Homeownership Program: A sixth and seventh homebuyer have submitted their applications. They will close at the end of March and in April, respectively. We are actively seeking additional sources of funding since we have three more loans before we run out of our initial allotment for the program. We have submitted funding proposals to the County and DHCD and are also seeking funds from the City.

Innovation District: FlexEI, a University startup developing flexible batteries is celebrating its grand opening at the Terrapin Trader on Paint Branch Parkway on April 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. FlexEI currently has 10 full-time employees and plans to add an additional 50 new jobs over the next five years.

RISE Zone: Prince George's County is developing more specific language for business eligibility. This should be ready in late March. College Park and Riverdale Park are ready to hold public hearings and vote on the application once the language from the County is received. This is anticipated to follow an April/May timeline.

Old Town "Pocket Neighborhood": Staff has been working with a property owner to help them move forward with plans to build an owner-occupied "pocket neighborhood" geared toward University faculty and staff.

Student Impact Fee Waiver: State legislation to eliminate the school fee waiver for undergraduate housing is moving forward in Annapolis. An amendment would allow the City to designate graduate student housing to be eligible for the fee waiver which could be reversed by the County.

Recruiting Vintage Clothing Store to College Park: Staff has met with the owners of a Vintage Clothing store in the hopes of bringing that unique business to College Park. This effort is progressing. We are hoping an announcement can come in the next few months of an opening in 2016.

Conversion of College Park houses: Staff has facilitated discussion between a landlord and the UMD Foundation for converting neighborhood rental houses for faculty and staff use.

Tech Hub: Staff joined a call with Secretary Mike Gill, EDC Director Jim Coleman, Ken Ulman, Councilmember Glaros and others to discuss the County and State promoting a science and technology zone in and around College Park. County EDC and State Department of Commerce are the leads.

College Park Metro area development: Three updates/three parcels.

- **WMATA parcel:** There were four bids. Awaiting announcement of award in late March/April
- **County lot:** Four bidders responded. County is working with bidders.
- **Ronald D. Paul Companies development:** 4301 River Road, 370 unit mixed use building with 5,000 square feet of retail on University land just south of WMATA parking lot and north of American Center for Physics. Announced fall of 2015, being finalized with University of Maryland.

Transportation

Route 1 Rebuild: Staff is following up with SHA, and others on a TIGER Grant (Due April 29) in order to support rebuilding Route 1 – and potentially freeing up funds to underground the utilities.

College Park Woods Trail: \$275,000 in the Park and Planning budget documents for Phase I of the trail to bring it from DePaw Street across the Moose Lodge property to connect to Greenmeade Drive. This section is in design this year, and the expectation is that Phase I could go to construction in FY17. Phase II from Greenmeade Drive to the Paint Branch Trail: several alignments are being evaluated by Park and Planning. Impacts to forest conservation easement are being looked at to avoid or minimize. We anticipate answers in the coming months.

Purple Line: Purple Line Transit Partners, headed by Fluor Corporation, won the bid to build this light rail. The State Board of Public Works can accept this bid on April 6, allowing construction to begin in the fall. We will set up a meeting with the Purple Line Transit Partners this spring.

Paint Branch Sound Barrier Wall: 10 panels will be removed by College Park to eliminate the blind corner and create a more direct route on the Trolley Trail (Fall 2016).

Education

PGCPS School Construction: Members of the Partnership's Education Committee met with PGCPS to hear about locations for two new middle schools and one new high school. None of the schools are projected to be in College Park; one middle school location is being considered in Adelphi.

Survey on local public education: The Partnerships' Education Committee will be tasked with assessing local College Park public school needs and what parents want (Spring 2016). We requested a grant that can pay for such a survey – we should hear about this in late March. This work can help inform decision making about what role the City and University, and potentially, College Park Academy, can play in local education.

College Park Academy: A Permanent Location for College Park Academy has been identified in the M Square area by the University. Staff is finalizing a catchment area proposal.

University of Maryland in Public Schools: Efforts stalled for robust project-based learning in local schools, but we will be tasking the Partnership's Education Committee with devising ways to engage the University more with our local public schools.

University/Community Childcare: The University is considering best and final offers from a provider. (March 2016)

Public Safety

Safety Ambassador Program: The Partnership is in touch with UMPD which is implementing a Safety Ambassador Pilot Program within the concurrent UMD Police jurisdiction area. UMPD recently advertised a coordinator position for Safety Ambassador Program. Once filled, UMPD will hire and schedule trainings for Safety Ambassadors. (Spring 2016)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Grant: Staff is working with Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) to look into a USDOJ grant to assess safety needs on the trolley trail. (April 2016)

Sustainability

Community Garden in Calvert Hills: WMATA is sending use agreement for land they own for a community garden. There is significant interest in the community. (Spring 2016)