Chester County Gateway District Steering Committee Meeting
June 6, 2018

Steering Committee Members Present
Sylvia Jennings, Chairman
John Agee, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Angela Bain, Chester County School District
Bhavin Patel, HMS
Dilip Patel, Dilip Family FLP, LLC
Ed Sharpe, Town of Richburg
Jim Bennett, Spratt Savings & Loan
Fred Castles, Chester Metropolitan District
Hal Crenshaw, Crenshaw Oil
Philip Thompson-King, Chester County Wastewater Recovery
Tony Pope, First Citizens Bank
Walt Whitman, MCON Construction

Steering Committee Members Absent
Brian Singleton, TruVista

Others Present
Brian Garner, The News and Reporter
Karlisa Parker Dean, Chester County Economic Development
Kara Drane, Catawba Regional COG
Robby Moody, Catawba Regional COG
Shane Stuart, Chester County Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Sylvia Jennings, Chairman. Chairman Jennings welcomed the Steering Committee members and asked if anyone had any revisions or edits to the minutes from the May 2, 2018 meeting. Dilip Patel noted one correction needed on the minutes and Tony Pope made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Walt Whitman seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda included the committee meetings. Chairman Jennings stated where the committee meetings would be held and the Steering Committee members moved into the Committee meetings for the next 45 minutes. The Growth and Transportation Committees decided to meet
together due to the vacancy of the Growth Committee’s Chair, and since many members serve on both committees.

Chairman Jennings called the meeting back to order and each Committee Chair gave a report. Tony Pope, Infrastructure/Growth Committee Chair stated that the majority of the Committee’s discussion centered on transportation improvements and he asked Robby Moody to summarize the Committee’s report. Mr. Moody stated the status of the Edgeland Road project being funded through the Rural Transportation Program. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has completed the Right-of-Way determination for Edgeland Road and a three lane section is planned with a multi-use path. Landscaping and pedestrian lighting are outside of the project but are items that may be completed with other funds. Discussion followed on signalization needs, speeding along Edgeland Road, and traffic circles.

Hall Crenshaw, Beautification Committee Chair shared information on lighting and landscaping concerns around the Exit 65 interchange and Highway 9. The Beautification Committee plans to meet with SCDOT on the process and funding opportunities for improvements to lighting and landscaping in the Gateway District. There was some discussion on the use of security cameras and on reviewing the previous landscaping plan done in conjunction with the Highway 9 and I-77 Corridor Master Plan completed in 2007 by Jerry Regenbogen.

Dr. Angela Bain, Education Committee Chair presented the discussion of the committee which included a new video being developed by the Chester Development Association (CDA) that will incorporate the state of education in Chester County. The Education Committee also discussed developing and conducting an Education Forum to tell the Chester County education story. Dr. Bain covered a recent report by a demographer on projected growth for the Chester County School District and invited the Steering Committee to attend a presentation on the report at the CDA on June 21st.

Lastly, Chairman Jennings mentioned the upcoming July 11th meeting. Following some discussion, it was decided to hold a luncheon on July 11th and invite the County Council, Planning Commission Chair, Board of Zoning Appeals Chair, the Planning Director, and Duke Energy and SCDOT representatives. The luncheon will include presentations made by Jerry Regenbogen, JR Consulting, and Steven Weitzman, Creative Design Resolutions. Mr. Weitzman assisted with providing images in the Gateway District Master Plan of infrastructure projects done by Creative Design Resolutions and has offered to share examples of infrastructure projects completed across the United States with the Gateway District Steering Committee.

Chairman Jennings adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM as there was no further items to discuss.

Submitted by

Bhavin Patel, Secretary