

FULL WDB MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

August 15, 2018

Members Present

Les Vail, Chair
Tom Bianco, GC Economic Development
Tom Zeck, MASCEC
Kim Quigley, St. John of God
Tom Fletcher, Business
Stanley Hershey, DWD
Robert DeMarco, NJLWD
Denise Taguwa, NJLWD
JaNea Wilson, NJLWD
Stacey Smith, DVRS
Jim Robinson, Business
Mike Dicken, GCIT
Kim Gober, GC Housing Authority
Jason Newman, NJLWD
Kim Alexander, GCIT
Ray Childs, GC DoC
Ashley Rastelli, WDB Staff

Michelle Shirey, WDB Director
Tom Brown, MASCEC
Danny Sulpizio, Business
Cathleen Scanlon, St. John of God
Ralph Bingham, GC Library System
Ken Barnshaw, Business
Andrea Rivera, DVRS
Jennifer Veneziani, DVRS
Kristen Wilson, RCGC
Cleve Bryan, Business
Bill Lang, GC Div. Social Services
Rich Weist, GC Library System
Patty Claghorn, RCGC
Allen Magid, RCGC
Stephen Hart, DWD
Jack Fisher, Business
Bridget DiGiambattista, WDB Staff

Les opened the meeting at 8:30 am.

Salute the Flag
Verification of Quorum
Reading of Open Public Meetings Act

Motion to approve February 14, 2018 and May 9, 2018 minutes was made by D. Sulpizio, seconded by T. Bianco.

Les announced the Shop.Dine.Go Local campaign kickoff will be August 23, 2018 to promote business locally. This a partnership with GC Board of Chosen Freeholders and GC Chamber of Commerce.

Budget Summary

The TANF & WIOA budgets were presented for a total allocation of \$3,376,000.00, which is a slight decrease (1.3%) from last year. The budget was presented and approved by the Resource Analysis & Budget & Executive committees on July 18, 2018. There are no huge changes in TANF, GA/SNAP, Work First NJ (WFNJ). WIOA-Funding for PY 17 has been spent and new funding PY18 – has been encumbered and ready to be spent. The youth funding was cut slightly more than expected, but we are working with our vendor GCIT to ensure no services are impacted.

A motion to accept 2018/2019 WDB budget was made by T. Bianco, seconded by T. Fletcher.

Announcements

WDB - Michelle stated we are working with Amazon with their hiring agency for the West Deptford site which is scheduled to open in September. Recruitments are scheduled to be held in West Deptford the week of September 4-8 at RiverWinds, and September 10-14 at Best Western. Additional recruitment dates will be announced.

We continue to work with RCGC on development of Eds & Meds corridor.

DVRS – Jenn reported reported they are doing a cooperative agreement with a vendor FedCap, they are working in conjunction with Amazon Sortation Center for part time work in Logan Twp.

Project Search – kick off meeting for business advisory council, which is partnership with DVRS, Jefferson Health, to discuss networking.

GCLS – R. Bingham announced he is new Director of GC Library System replacing Anne Wodnick. He introduced Rich Weist, who oversees Career Connections at Glassboro branch.

RCGC – P. Claghorn announced ribbon cutting for Math, Science, & Engineering building will be held in fall. For 4th time the RCGC Cooperative Education program has been named Best in South Jersey Biz magazine.

K. Barnshaw announced there will be a rally to kick off Eagles football season on September 1 at Deptford Mall.

GC Chamber - Les announced the annual BBQ will be on 8/28 at Woodcrest County Club; annual golf outing will be 9/6 at White Oaks; and on 9/20, Rowan University, a conference will be held The Individual Business. The Business and will feature international and nationally acclaimed speakers, and networking opportunities with other regional business leaders. The Chamber offers members and their employees to attend RCGC and receive a 1/3 discount on tuition.

A motion for adjournment was made by D. Sulpizio, seconded by K. Barnshaw.

The next meeting will be November 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget A. DiGiambattista, WDB Staff