

**Economic Development Commission**  
October 15, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Chesapeake Building

**Minutes** – Approved November 19, 2014

**Attendees:** Richard Braam, Carlos Bravo, Wynne Briscoe, Daniel Carney, Laura Clarke, Phil Dorsey, Tracy Harris, Phil Langley, James Raley, Tom Sanders, Bill Scarafia, Tom Watts

**Absentees:** Michael Schroeder

**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; C. Scott Dempwolf, Ph. D, Assistant Research Professor University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation

Issues:

1. Richard Bramm, Chairman, notes the on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Commissioners of St. Mary's County public board meeting a proclamation will be presented marking the week of October 27<sup>th</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup> as Economic Development Week. Mr. Bramm asked members of the Commission to attend if available.
2. Richard Bramm noted that the search to fill the vacancy of the Director of Economic Development has begun. The County's goal is to have the position announced in January 2015.
3. Minutes of the September 17th meeting were reviewed. Dr. Tracy Harris made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Phil Langley and passed unanimously.

Presentations:

1. Dr. Phil Favero, Senior Faculty Research Associate University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research lead the members in a review and discussion on the responses to the questionnaire the commission members provided at the last meeting.
2. Dr. Scott Dempwolf, Assistant Research Professor University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation lead the members in a review and discussion of a draft demographic and economic overview created with data collected and analyzed by the University of Maryland.

Discussion Topics:

1. Robin Finnacom reported that the federal Office of Economic Adjustment has announced a \$1.2M grant for a state-wide and regional pilot project to support defense technology commercialization.

Actions:

1. The minutes of the September 17th meeting were approved.

Richard Braam, Chairman, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Daniel Carney made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Carlos Bravo and approved unanimously.

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

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