

Strategic Plan Advisory Network (SPAN) July 10, 2013 Meeting Minutes

The Strategic Plan Advisory Network met for the first time at Cecil College, North East Campus, in the Technology Building. The following members of SPAN were present:

Richard Bayer, Joyce Bowlsbey, Richard Brooks, Steve Connolly, Denise Davis, Vince Cariello, Bruce England, Scott Flanigan, Pat Folk, Mario Gangemi, Stephanie Garrity, Chick Hamm, Michael Holmes, Diane Lane, Donna Nichols, Scott Mesneak, Tari Moore, Elyse Murray, Chip Peterson, Mike Ratchford, Winston Robinson, Dan Schneckenberger, Eric Sennstrom, Dave Trolio, Clyde Van Dyke, Wyatt Wallace, Lisa Webb, Al Wein, Ken Wiggins, Joe Zang

Cecil County Executive Tari Moore welcomed everyone to this historic occasion. She stated that the members of SPAN will be developing the first Strategic Plan for Cecil County, and that this document will be the principal planning document for County Government.

CE Moore introduced Al Wein as the Chair of the Committee and Dr. Diane Lane as the Facilitator. Janice Palmer was also introduced as administrative support to the group. Each member of the committee introduced themselves. CE Moore stated that the four priorities she has been governing with since our new Charter government was instituted this past December were: Infrastructure, Job Creation, Education and Safe Communities. She asked the group to keep those in mind as they move forward with creating strategic priorities for the Plan.

Dr. Diane Lane gave an overview of the book provided to all SPAN members. This committee is a diverse representation of the community and should take a balanced approach to meeting the needs of the people of the community. The Committee has been allotted eight months to complete its duties and forward a draft Plan for review to the County Executive.

Dr. Lane asked the Committee if they were comfortable meeting at 7:00 pm. A show of hands for those wishing to start at 7:00 pm, and another at 6:30 concluded with a start time of 7:00 pm, the second Wednesday of each month.

Dr. Lane asked that the Committee work collectively, have open discussions and work towards the goal of turning decisions around for the next meeting. The Committee will write the plan as we meet, achieving decisions by consensus.

Al Wein, Chairman, called for a motion to approve the rules and procedures. Motion was made by Ken Wiggins and seconded by Pat Folk.

Diane Lane moved for an amendment to the rules that the Chairman be allowed to vote only in the case of a tie. Motion seconded, Mario Gangemi.

Motion for amendment passed unanimously.

Chairman Wein called for a motion for passage of the Rules and Procedures as amended. A motion for passage of the Rules and Procedures with the amendment was made by Stephanie Garrity and seconded by Chick Hamm. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Wein asked for three volunteers to participate on a Nominating Committee. They will be asked to bring nominations for Vice Chair before the SPAN committee at the August SPAN meeting. Dan Schneckenburger, Stephanie Garrity and Richard Brooks all volunteered.

Richard Brooks volunteered to send a blast text message should a SPAN meeting need to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Dr. Lane presented a power point on the basics and expectations of Strategic Planning. The VISION and MISSION of the Strategic Plan will be the focus of the August meeting. The timeline of the planning was also presented.

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Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.