

BIC Meeting Minutes
January 24 – 3:30pm – 5:00pm
ROOT, 118 N. Market St., First floor

BIC Members Present: Tom Lynch, Brad Benna, Rob Miller, Dwayne Myers, Jim Racheff, Whitney Hahn, Denise Guyton-Boyer, Jose Bunaq, Dr. Pierre Reed

Other Attendees: Jan Gardner, Rick Weldon, Helen Propheeter, Heather Gramm, Michelle Day, Cindy Harris

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from September 27, 2018 (motion – Brad Benna, 2nd – Dwayne Myers, unanimous approval)

Updates from County Executive:

- Annapolis regular session is in full swing and Frederick County has \$750k in the Governor’s budget:
 - \$500k grant for detox center
 - \$250k grant towards ROOT building renovation
 - Big 8 County Executives
- HB91 – encouraged all to follow this bill which will delay the governor’s P3 project (I-270/I-495 toll lanes)
- Small cell (5G) - will allow cell companies to install small cell towers/boxes closer together and can be placed anywhere, including on public buildings. Debates over this issue are forthcoming.
- An announcement will be made soon from County Executive’s office of an initiative to support the agriculture industry
- Jan attended the Veteran’s Advisory Council meeting
- The downtown Frederick hotel and conference center is still being worked on
- Legalizing marijuana – should be voted on via referendum item

Discussion Topic – OED’s Annual Report and Wins 2018 (Helen Propheeter and Heather Gramm)

- Frederick’s Top 50 CEOs – Last year’s Top 50 Companies led into 2019’s Frederick’s Top 50 CEOs which were voted on by survey this year of the top leaders in the County
- Publication includes an annual report with facts and figures that resulted in 2018 being a “monster year”
- AAA bond rating continues and the bond companies are scheduled to visit and tour Frederick
- OED’s 3rd Annual Minority Business Leaders Program is scheduled to start in February
- Discussed ideas for future CEO’s to invite to BIC meetings

Wrap-Up/Helen:

- Tom Lynch noted the 2018 Frederick County Human Needs Assessment Report is forthcoming and will send to Helen to disburse to members (included link in this email)
- Next meeting, February 28th, 3:30 – 5:00pm at 118 N. Market Street, 1st Floor

Submitted by: Cindy Harris, OED