

BIC Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2019, 3:30 – 5:00pm
FITCI @ ROOT 118 N. Market Street

BIC Members Present: Whitney Hahn, Denise Jacoby, Tom Lynch, Dwayne Myers, Tamar Osterman, Jim Racheff, Pierre Reed, Tom Mullineaux, Rob Miller

Other Attendees: Jan Gardner, Helen Propheter, Michelle Day and Kathie Brady

Welcome: Helen Propheter

Introduction of new BIC member from the agriculture industry, Tom Mullineaux from Eddie Mercer Agri-Services, Inc.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from April 25, 2019 were unanimously approved with no changes (Motion – Dwayne Myers, 2nd – Whitney Hahn).

Discussion of the BIC Members Chart:

There were multiple suggestions of new members to add to the group, including the non-profit industry, outdoor activities/recreation, tourism and agriculture tourism, as well as to pull from the industries identified in the GO Strategy. There was also a recommendation to seek an alternate designee from Healthcare. The group decided to add this item to the next meeting's agenda for further discussion.

Innovations, a follow up on ROOT, the Monroe Center and FITCI's Accelerator:

Kathie Callahan Brady showed a presentation about FITCI's Accelerator program. There were forty applicants and only 14 selected to participate with seventy mentors volunteering to help the program. Upcoming schedule of events will be distributed to the members.

Michelle Day provided a detailed update on the Monroe Center which will celebrate its third year at this location in August, co-locating with FCC. There are currently six collaborative programs/initiatives available to help individuals transition into the workplace and help businesses keep employees' training current.

Helen Propheter provided an update on the ROOT's Pitch Room contest. Participants will be judged by Tech Frederick on their pitches during an upcoming happy hour event to be scheduled.

Updates from County Executive:

County Executive Gardner announced that a national television production company has completed a documentary about Frederick County entitled "Frederick County Leading the Way." It highlights the County's agriculture, cancer research, among many other great attributes and was shown nationally on Fox and other television stations and is available on the County's website.

Wrap Up (Helen)

- Review of BIC member list
- Next meeting, July 25th, 3:30 – 5:00pm at 118 N. Market Street, 1st Floor and the theme is branding

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