

Howard County Economic Opportunity and Prosperity Task Force

Minutes (DRAFT)

December 10, 2018

C. Vernon Gray Room  
1st Floor, George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Task Force Meeting

Members in attendance: Anne Brinker, Paul Casey, Ana Cisneros, Kimberly Flowers, Maddy Halbach, Phyllis Madachy, Leonardo McClarty, Elizabeth Noble, and Jaykant Parekh. Mr. Barnes, Ms. Norton, Mr. O'Neil, and Ms. Parr from subcommittees also attended.

Staff in attendance: Jim Meyd, County Auditor's Office, and Jeff Meyers, County Council office.

Chairperson Madachy called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

The Task Force approved the minutes from its meeting held on October 9, 2018.

Mr. McClarty gave an overview of the Draft Final Report and, using a PowerPoint, reviewed the recommendations in the Report. The PowerPoint has been posted to the Task Force web site<sup>1</sup>.

The Task Force discussed the Draft Final Report. Mr. Casey noted that some "action items" had been inadvertently omitted and that the references to material to be included in the budget should refer to the FY2020 budget. The omitted items will be restored and some other material will be fine-tuned. Ms. Brinker asked that the "seven soft skills" be listed in the Report. Ms. Halbach will provide the list.

Ms. Flowers moved, and Ms. Brinker seconded:

I move that the Final Report as presented by the Co-Chairs be approved and that the Co-Chairs be authorized to insert material inadvertently omitted during the drafting process, to fine-tune language, to correct grammar and formatting errors, and to make other non-substantive changes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Madachy indicated that all changes to the Draft Final Report should be sent to her, Mr. McClarty, and Mr. Meyers by close of business on Thursday, December 13. Once the Draft is done, it will be sent to the County Council, the County Executive, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Executive's chief of staff,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/EOPTaskForceDocs>

and posted to the Task Force website. The Task Force expects to present the Report to the Council at a public session and to the Executive and such of his staff as he wishes. Ms. Madachy hopes that as many members of the Task Force as possible will attend the meetings.

Mr. Casey recommended asking the County Council to hold a public hearing in which the community could testify. That recommendation would be in the cover letter accompany the report when sent to the Council.

Mr. Barnes wondered about the number of affordable housing units in the County and the number actually needed. Peter Engel from the Housing Commission indicated that a study is underway and will report that data early next year.

The Task Force adjourned at 5:02 p.m.