

REGIONAL COUNCIL 9
MAY 22, 2020
11:00 AM to NOON

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency this meeting was held via Zoom link and conference line. The details were posted with the Agenda and is included herein.

MINUTES

Attending Strike Force Council Members: Jim Cheng, Cav Angels (Chair, Region 9); Ed Scott, EcoSeptix Alliance (Vice Chair, Region 9); Ed Dalrymple, Cedar Mountain Stone; Pace Lochte, University of Virginia Economic Development; Ray Knott, Union Bank & Trust; Tom Click, Patriot Aluminum

Absent Council Members: None

Other Council Members: Miles Friedman

Staff: Shannon Holland, Helen Cauthen

Guests: Michelle Coe, Jennifer Goldman

1. Welcome

Jim Cheng opened the meeting at 11:02 am. Jim Cheng stated that the meeting was being held electronically via Zoom video and call-in due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor.

2. Roll Call

Jim Cheng asked Shannon Holland to complete a roll call of members. All members were present.

3. Public Comment*

Jim Cheng stated the meeting had been publicly noticed and a public comment form was made available. All public comments were to be emailed by 7 am today. Shannon Holland stated that no public comments had been received.

4. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting

Jim Cheng

Ray Knott made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. Pace Lochte seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Review Project Pipeline

Jim Cheng asked Shannon Holland to review the funding update and project pipeline included in the meeting packet. Shannon Holland advised the Strike Force that as of May 21, 2020, the Strike Force had received another project from VCW-Piedmont called Project Reconnect that would likely be on the agenda for review at the May 29, 2020 meeting. It would be a request for just under \$100,000 for ERR Fast Track funding. Shannon Holland noted that with this new project along with the two under review during this meeting represent total funding that exceeds remaining Region 9 ERR Fast Track. Shannon Holland also added she had a meeting regarding another potential project, Project Propel, following the meeting and she is unsure what funding stream it would target.

6. Approve ERR and ECB Application

Jim Cheng suggested that because of the limited remaining funding the group should discuss both applications and then vote at the end of the discussion. He asked if there was any discussion on that approach. None was offered. Jim Cheng then noted that he and Ed Scott had arranged for Zoom meetings with each applicant to discuss the projects. As a result, additional information was provided to reviewers for each application. (Included with official copy of minutes.)

A robust discussion about both projects ensued. Miles Friedman was present and able to answer some questions related to the Business Gateway project.

Ed Scott made a motion to table the vote for each project until the next Strike Force meeting while also asking Shannon Holland to procure responses to the following Crafting project questions: How is this project not duplicative of initiatives currently underway through state associations, such as Craft Brewer's Association? Expand on proposed budget expenses? Ed Dalrymple seconded the motion. Through a roll call vote, the motion carried.

7. Other Business - Limited to Emergency Items Only

No other business was presented by Council Members.

8. Adjourn

Jim Cheng

Ray Knott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:59. Tom Click seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Shannon Holland is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Reg. 9 Strike Force - COVID

Time: May 8, 2020 11:00 AM

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