



**REGIONAL COUNCIL 9
SITES TASK FORCE MEETING**

APRIL 15, 2021

2:30 PM to 3:15 PM

Zoom Link or Call-In

Due to the COVID crisis this meeting was held via electronic means details included with this agenda.

MINUTES

Attending: Christian Goodwin, Christine Jacobs, Ed Dalrymple, Ed Scott, Paige Read, Patrick Mauney, Tony O'Brien

Absent: Mansour Azimipour

Staff: Shannon Holland

Guests: Helen Cauthen, Central Virginia Partnership; Candace Spence, Central Virginia Partnership

1. Welcome

Ed Scott opened the meeting at 2:30 PM stating that the meeting was being held electronically via Zoom video and call-in due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor. He noted that the purpose of the meeting was to review a Sites proposal and prepare a recommendation for the Council to consider on April 26 and to briefly discuss any next steps needed for regional site prioritization.

2. Roll Call

Shannon Holland performed a roll call. Attendance is noted above.

3. Public Comment

Ed Scott stated that the meeting had been publicly noticed and that public comment forms were posted for those wanting to have their comments read into the record. Shannon Holland stated that no public comments had been submitted.

4. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

Christian Goodwin made a motion to approve the Minutes as provided. Patrick Mauney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was completed and the motion carried.

5. DHCD Site Guidelines Update

Helen Cauthen has been representing Region 9 during the DHCD Sites Workgroup and the final Guidelines had just been released and emailed previously to the Sites Task Force. Helen Cauthen noted that the guidelines stipulate that private sites will qualify for GO Virginia funding and the guidelines include requirements for a data driven site prioritization process and that sites project contracts will include "clawback" clauses if sites are not used for stipulated sectors. It was also noted that the new guidelines would not be enforced until the next grant cycle.

6. Project Review: Advancing Regional Significant Sites

Ed Scott noted that the *Advancing Regionally Significant Sites* proposal is requesting just over \$826,333 for 18 months to advance two regionally significant sites to position them for marketability for target sector industry. Ed Scott added that the sites in the proposal were determined to be regionally significant in a process led by the Central Virginia Partnership for their footprint and further discussed at the Sites Task Force meeting a few weeks ago.

Ed Scott noted that Shannon Holland had confirmed that there is \$1,195,000 in Per Capita funding available in Region 9 and no other projects were in review for that funding stream at this time.

Shannon Holland provided the proposal updates, noting that:

- A letter was provided by Culpeper Economic Development outlining some of the questions anticipated from DHCD related to access, zoning, and a “clawback” for the privately owned site in Culpeper.
- The Reviewer Summary includes updates on the previous Regional Business Park grant and that a Tier 3 letter has been submitted, a letter indicating a RIFA as an outcome on the previous grant is not feasible at this time, and the project milestones are up to date.

Highlights of the project discussion and comments included:

- Both sites are well located near transportation and/or interstate
- This project represents what we are here for.
- High quality and high interest the Louisa site already.
- Obvious direct and indirect impact for the region.
- Strong local support represented in the letters included.
- Job creation potential could be rapid across county lines.
- Discussion around new potential federal funds supporting infrastructure.
- Like that a site was presented from each planning district in Region 9.s

Ed Dalrymple made a motion to recommend the Council approve the proposal as presented. Paige Read seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and the motion passed with Christian Goodwin and Andy Wade abstaining.

7. Develop Recommended Site Grant Prioritization Criteria

Ed Scott asked if there were any recommendations for staff related to future site prioritization that will be required through the new Sites Guidelines. No discussion ensued.

8. Other Business

No new business was presented.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned before 3:15 pm.

Shannon Holland is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Reg. 9 Sites Task Force - Proposal Review Mtg.

Time: Apr 15, 2021 02:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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