



Cape Cod Economic Development Council

Minutes, January 5, 2012

Council Members:

Alice Boyd, Ken Cirillo, Brian Mannal, Felicia Penn, Paul Rumul, Allen White, David Willard, Senator Dan Wolf, Jay Zavala

Liaisons:

Peter Graham, Cape Cod Commission; Spyro Mitrokostas, Assembly of Delegates

Also Attending:

Paul Niedzwiecki, Leslie Richardson, Taree McIntyre; Gene Curry, Esquire, Cape Cod Technology Council

Absent:

John Kilroy, Rick Presbrey, M. Pat Flynn, County Commissioner;

David Willard called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM in the conference room of the Cape Cod Commission.

Board Minutes:

Upon a motion by Allen White, second by Alice Boyd, members approved the minutes from the November 18, 2011 and December 1, 2011 meetings.

Council Chair's Report:

David Willard introduced Gene Curry, Chair of the Infrastructure Committee of the Cape Cod Technology Council (CCTC) since 1997. Mr. Curry explained that the Infrastructure Committee supports projects dealing with telecommunication, transportation, and energy issues and is currently involved in the implementation of Open Cape and the SmarterCape Partnership projects. Mr. Curry invited the EDC Members to attend the Tech Council breakfasts held the first Friday of each month at the Hyannis Golf Course featuring various guest speakers and the Infrastructure Committee meetings held the first Wednesday of each month at his office. Mr. Curry advised Members to check the CCTC website for upcoming events and workshops.

Grant Committee Report:

Felicia Penn reported that the Grant Committee met prior to the EDC meeting to finalize the timeline for the Municipal Tech Audit RFP. The RFP will be released January 16, 2012, and Dan Gallagher of Open Cape will be the lead for the Bidder's Conference and defining the scope of work. Council Members discussed the difficulty of finding funding opportunities. Senator Wolf spoke of the need for collaborations to meet eligibility criteria for funding. Ms. Penn noted how the SmarterCape Partnership is creating new collaborations which should lead to increased funding opportunities. Ms. Penn motioned to recommend the release of the RFP to the Barnstable County Commissioners, Alice Boyd seconded, and all approved.



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SmarterCape Update:

Ms. Penn stated that the draft vision from the SmarterCape Visioning session held in September was presented December 14th at the W.H.A.T in Wellfleet for feedback. Ms. Penn noted that most of the feedback was specific to Open Cape with much less relating to other aspects of the vision. SmarterCape is searching for participants to support the vision and find presenters for the May, SmarterCape Summit. The SmarterCape Committee is presently working to organize and utilize volunteers.

Senator Wolf asked if SmarterCape has been linked nationally for protocol and role models to look for opportunities that have already been created. Ms. Penn replied that Intelligent Community Forum relays the best practices from other communities.

Other:

Ms. Richardson announced the EDC sponsored Business Survey was complete and the results would be presented at the next EDC meeting. Paul Rumul asked if anything could be done to follow up and improve the response rate. Spyro Mitrokostas stated that the local chambers could be instrumental in distributing and getting responses from their members. Ms. Richardson and Mr. Mitrokostas agreed to collaborate on local chamber assistance.

Ken Cirillo asked Members to recommend guest speakers they would like to hear from at upcoming EDC meetings. Some suggestions were the Regional Technical Development Corporation, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, and the Marine Biology Institute.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.