



Cape Cod Economic Development Council

Minutes, September 6, 2012

Council Members:

Alice Boyd, M. Pat Flynn, John Harris, Felicia Penn, Allen White, Dan Wolf, Jay Zavala

Also Attending:

CCC Staff: Paul Niedzwiecki, Anne Reynolds, Leslie Richardson, Kristy Senatori, Taree McIntyre

Felicia Penn called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM in the conference room of the Cape Cod Commission.

Council Vice Chair's Report:

Felicia Penn introduced Chuck Wade and John Higgins of Interisle Consulting Group for a preliminary report on the Barnstable County Telecommunications and Information Technology Survey (BCITS). Mr. Wade and Mr. Higgins informed the Council of varying IT equipment, software programs, and communication systems utilized by Barnstable County and Cape Cod towns, schools, and emergency responders. It was decided that a more detailed presentation should be scheduled to include County & Town Officials and Department Heads, School Superintendents, Open Cape and Cape Net, and SIO Personnel. Feedback from the presentation will be included in the final report from Interisle Consulting along with recommendations on improving communications Countywide.

CEDS Implementation Update:

Leslie Richardson stated that the 2012 CEDS report was submitted as required to the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) on June 30, 2012. Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and local Native American Tribes have been contacted about joining with Cape Cod for the Economic Development District (EDD) designation as per EDA's recommendation. A phone meeting with EDA regarding EDD designation is scheduled for October. Also, the Cape Cod Commission is pursuing an EDA disaster relief grant.

SmarterCape Partnership Update:

Felicia Penn announced that the Partnership initiated a new marketing campaign to encourage businesses to relocate to Cape Cod. Ms. Penn also stated that the Partnership is preparing an application due in September to the Intelligent Community Forum for designation as an intelligent community.

Grant Committee Report:

Ms. Penn informed the Council that the three year funding to the Town of Harwich for the East Harwich Village Center Initiative through the Regional Economic Development Pilot Program is currently under review by the Grant Committee. The Committee is focusing on the scope of work and budget as they relate to the original proposal. A recommendation for action will be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

Other:

Ms. Penn stated that upon the advice of Counsel, the CCEDC would not pursue the 501(c)(3) status of the Regional Technical Development Corporation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.