

ATLANTIC CITY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Atlantic Cape Community College – Atlantic City Campus

1) REMARKS FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHEILA OLIVER AS DELIVERED BY GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL COUNSEL JIM JOHNSON

- a) Lt. Governor Oliver is not feeling well today and is not able to be here for the meeting.
- b) We are launching the Neighborhood Coordination Officer (NCO) program later today. The program will bring a more complete community policing approach to each of Atlantic City's six wards and to the Tourism District.
- c) Combining the NCO program with the Citizens Advisory Board is really going to put the community into community policing.
- d) It has been a very productive few weeks since the last Atlantic City Executive Council meeting on April 16.
 - i. Atlantic City Implementation Plan was issued on April 23.
 - ii. Citizens Advisory Board held its first quarterly meeting open to the public on May 8.
 - iii. Secured about \$150,000 for summer youth programs and working to secure more.
 - iv. Spanish language town hall scheduled for June 18.
 - v. Casino Reinvestment Development Authority (CRDA) set to vote on funding for concerts at Gardner's Basin.
 - vi. Developmental Assets Profile (DAP) training set for this Thursday. DAP training is based on survey done earlier this year on Atlantic City's youth. Trainees will begin a process for incorporating survey findings into their own programs and developing a citywide set of programs to address the needs of youth in the city.

2) PUBLIC SAFETY: NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATION OFFICER (NCO) PRESENTATION

- a) Atlantic City Police Department Chief Henry White talked about the NCO program and its purpose.
- b) Chief White thanked CRDA for funding 15 new patrol officers, which is allowing ACPD to assign 16 seasoned police officers to the NCO program.
- c) Because of NCO program, three additional police officers are being added to homeless outreach.
- d) Very confident that NCO officers will make significant, positive impact on public safety.
- e) Chief White acknowledged members of the Citizens Advisory Board in attendance and thanked them for their service and efforts.
- f) NCO officers introduced to the Atlantic City Executive Council.
- g) Chief White thanked Atlantic City Mayor Frank Gilliam and Atlantic City City Council for their support of the NCO program.

3) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: ATLANTIC COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE (ACEA) PRESENTATION

- a) ACEA Executive Director Lauren Moore talked about the ACEA mission and 2019 Board of Trustees members.

- b) ACEA strategic action plan is based on 2015 report that focused on economic areas for Atlantic County.
 - i. Aviation, which is the currently the centerpiece
 - ii. Life Sciences
 - iii. Food and Agriculture
 - iv. Business Services
 - v. Tourism/Entertainment
 - vi. Specialty Manufacturing
- c) Building aviation innovation hub around existing assets.
 - i. Created State-designated aviation district with enhanced incentives to attract businesses. Incentives are set to expire June 30, 2019.
 - ii. Working with Lt. Governor Oliver, State Legislature and Governor's Office to come up with renewed incentive package. Incentives needed to attract business interest in high-cost state.
 - iii. Discussed grants awarded to develop New Jersey aviation innovation hub.
- d) When it comes to employment, conversations with Atlantic County school superintendents and employers need to happen so ACEA can match the needs of employers with students' curriculum.
- e) General Dynamics is signed and on board.
- f) Howard Kyle, chief of staff in the Atlantic County Executive Office, said Atlantic County is primed for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant funding for school programs countywide in maintenance and STEM fields. He said this is a brand-new plan and he will speak with the Atlantic City schools superintendent about this initiative.
- g) Mr. Moore noted that ACEA applied for a U.S. economic development grant for Atlantic County. The grant would help pay for programming to attract the tech companies to the county.
- h) Mr. Moore said Lt. Governor Oliver has been a big supporter of diversifying the Atlantic County economy and things are going in the right direction.
- i) Jim Johnson asked about ACEA's benchmarks. Mr. Moore said they are:
 - i. Attract and retain jobs;
 - ii. Get aviation technology school financed and operating.
- j) Mr. Moore said he would keep the Atlantic City Executive Council posted on a quarterly basis about ACEA benchmark progress.

4) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: DEVELOPER'S CONFERENCE

- a) Jim Johnson noted that a conference of developers from all over the state will be held in late summer/early fall. A conference date is TBD.
- b) A group is convening to come up with ways to emphasize Atlantic City strengths to developers and stakeholders at this conference.

5) ATLANTIC CITY INITIATIVES PROJECT OFFICE: SPANISH LANGUAGE TOWN HALL

- a) Atlantic City Initiatives Project Office (ACIPO) Deputy Director Rosa Farias said the Spanish language town hall has a planning group with stakeholders from the Latino community.
- b) The town hall will be held at 5 p.m. on June 18 at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Atlantic Avenue in the city.
- c) The planning group is also working with elected officials and the Hispanic Association of Atlantic County.

- d) Evan Sanchez, a local entrepreneur and member of the Atlantic City Executive Council, will donate food for the town hall.

6) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: QUARTER TWO DELIVERABLES

- a) ACIPO Deputy Director Farias gave an update on the Implementation Plan for quarter two initiatives of which there are 38 in total. Of these, 10 are complete, 17 are in process, and 11 are pending. Pending means they need more eyes on the project to get it moving into process.
- b) A total of 75 percent of the quarter two initiatives are either complete or in process. This demonstrates great progress.

7) GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a) AtlantiCare reported that a civil engineer has been selected for the medical arts facility in Atlantic City and that occupancy is slated for 2021.
- b) Atlantic City Housing Authority reported about the Stanley Village redevelopment.
 - i. Michaels Organization is the project developer.
 - ii. It is a \$2 million project and will take 12 years to rehabilitation the site.
- c) Housing Authority is applying for a Choice Neighborhoods Planning grant through HUD.
 - i. Grant will require stakeholder participation.
 - ii. Information will be sent to the Atlantic City Executive Council when the Housing Authority is ready for assistance.
 - iii. Jim Johnson noted the Large-Scale Developer facilitation process to help accelerate projects.
 - iv. Choice Neighborhoods Planning grant will help with all aspects of transforming a neighborhood as well.
- d) CRDA reported CRDA Board's land use approval for Stockton University's expansion in Atlantic City.
- e) Building trades representative said they should be involved in helping to provide career paths in addition to construction project support. Building trades would also like to be part of the Spanish language town hall.
- f) Atlantic City Mayor Gilliam noted the great progress in the city and what a pleasure it has been working with CRDA. He said the Atlantic City Executive Council meetings are very productive, and he wants to keep the momentum going.
- g) Atlantic Cape Community College offered to help with facilitating the Spanish language town hall.