

Business Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2021

I. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum:

The business meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Chesapeake Heritage & Visitor Center, 425 Piney Narrows Rd., Chester, MD 21619. Due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions being lifted, the meeting was held in-person or via Zoom. The following Board Members were present and represented a quorum:

John Anderes
Katherine Bonner
Michele Brink-Pringle
Jody Schulz
Derek Janes

Not Present:

Brian Truitt
Gail Owings
Dolores Jones
Eric Hoffman

Staff Present:

Heather Tinelli, Director, Economic & Tourism Development
Katie Clendaniel, Marketing & Destination Develop. Specialist, Economic & Tourism Development
Lisa Gallow, Office Coordinator, Economic & Tourism Development (via Zoom)

Others present:

Gigi Windley, Director, Kent Narrows Development Foundation
Linda Friday, President, Queen Anne's County Chamber of Commerce
Nancy Scozzari, Chief of Parks & Resource Planning, Queen Anne's County Parks & Recreation
Lee Bridgman, Extension Program Assistant, University of Maryland Extension-QAC

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

On a motion made by Mr. Anderes and seconded by Mr. Schulz the June meeting agenda was approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.

On a motion made by Ms. Brink-Pringle and seconded by Mr. Schulz, the minutes from the May meeting were approved by a unanimous vote of all members present.

- ### **III. Discussion of Bylaws Development-Katherine Bonner:** At the May TTAC meeting, Ms. Bonner briefly presented an outline showcasing the components of what the potential Travel & Tourism Advisory Committee bylaws could be. Her document was provided to all members present and sent to all members

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via email for review. After reviewing the document, Mr. Schulz has suggested that a clause about financial advisement/tourism funding be added. Mr. Andres has suggested adding specific industry representation verbiage (i.e., Restaurants, Accommodations, Recreation) to membership. TTAC officers will be comprised of Chair and Vice Chair. Ms. Bonner will create and circulate a draft version of the bylaws prior to the July meeting for review.

IV. Discussion of Post Pandemic Trends-Issues & Challenges:

- a. Transportation- Uber, Lyft unavailable
- b. Staffing/Workforce
- c. Unfair Competition-VRBO not taxed
- d. Community Impact- Trash & Traffic

V. Leads & Events Referral to Stakeholder Businesses: This agenda item was not discussed during the June 8th TTAC meeting.

VI. Economic & Tourism Development Department Update-Katie Clendaniel & Heather Tinelli: This agenda item was not discussed during the June 8th TTAC meeting.

VII. Adjournment: The June 8, 2021, Travel & Tourism Advisory Committee was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.