



University Center  
1201 Technology Drive  
Aberdeen, MD 21001  
April 11, 2018  
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

## Summary Notes

- I. **Welcome & Introduction s** Paul Thompson, Chair
  
- II. **Director's Report** Len Parrish, Director, OCED
  - The Office of Community and Economic Development was confirmed by the County Council on April 3, 2018. Robert Andrews will serve as Administrator of Economic Development, Barbara Richardson will serve as Administrator of Housing and Community Development, and Gary Blazinsky will serve as Administrator of Harford Transit.
  - The 2018 Growth Report will be out in June.
  - Changes coming to University Center. Thankful for support from Dr. Phillips and Harford Community College.
  - Reviewing the county budget this week.
  
- III. **Presentation**  
**Tom Sadowski, Vice Chancellor for Economic Development, University System of Maryland**

The keys to sustaining Maryland's economy are four-fold: Culture, Capital, Talent, and Place. Educated talent is the key driver in our economy. With 12 institutions, 3 higher educational centers and over 170,000 students, University System of Maryland has an impressive profile. 2/3 of the student body is transfer students and 1/3 of those transfer students are from community colleges. USM has five core objectives which include collaboration, leverage of resources, talent development, strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem, and telling the USM story.

Since 2011, USM has invested in 590 companies. Growing entrepreneurial activity and collaboration with government and industry is paramount. Talent is developed, STEM education is encouraged and experience is being provided, all culminating in producing partnerships and creating and investing in our workforce. The collaborative trio of government, industry, and higher education need to work together to strengthen our workforce.

### **Dr. Dianna Phillips, President, Harford Community College**

Harford Community College is designed to service the community. 2% of the County Budget is reserved for HCC. With the creation of the new logo, HCC is branding itself and telling students 'Let Curiosity.' HCC provides the tools and platform for the solutions to be imagined. Dr. Phillips reinforced the reason the

college exists is because of the students and HCC is here to serve the needs of the students. The main focus will always be student achievement.

HCC is reinventing their business practice by refreshing technology, creating data infrastructure, offering speaker series, and branding the college. There is a concentration on community engagement and resource sharing in relationship to cultural events, athletics, and workforce development. HCC is a college of the future and they are enhancing the experience for students.

#### IV. **Municipal Updates**

City of Aberdeen

Phyllis Grover

- Applied for \$1M train station grant
- West Bel Air Avenue will undergo revitalization in Spring 2019
- Incentives and tax credits have been introduced for the business area on Rt. 40 and downtown
- Lidl ground breaking is set for Summer 2018 and Starbucks is planned for Middleton Rd

Town of Bel Air

Trish Heidenreich

- Ribbon Cuttings from SignWorks
- MaGerk's celebrated the Grand Opening of their newly constructed patio
- Ale Craft is looking into an outdoor patio
- Public hearing in reference to Food Trucks will be April 16, 2018

Chamber of Commerce

Jay Ellenby

- Legislative Wrap Up is set for April 26, 2018

Aberdeen Proving Ground

Rick Scavetta

- APG has had a turnaround in community relations and is the top program out of 63 Garrisons. "What we've built will endure."
- There will be controlled burns at APG so please be aware.
- The DiscoveryFest open house will be April 21, 2018
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#### V. **Committee Updates**

EDAB Chairs

#### VI. **Good of the Cause**

- Mary Hastler shared the upcoming Romancing the Chrome Car show event and the Women in Non-Traditional Careers Day at HCC

#### VII. **Adjournment**

##### **Dates to Know & Go**

- 5.2 Harford County Lender's Lounge, 7:30am-1:00pm, Towson University, Northeastern Maryland, 510 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air, MD 21015
- 5.3 Women in Non-traditional Careers, HCC Edgewood Hall
- 5.15 **Bike to Work Day**- Havre de Grace
- 5.16 **Bike to Work Day** - Aberdeen North
- 5.16 **RAMP MD's "Maryland's 3D Medical Revolution: An Additive Manufacturing Symposium"**, 8:00am - 4:00pm, STAR Academy

- 5.17 Military Appreciation Luncheon, 11:00am - 1:30pm, Harford County Chamber of Commerce
- 5.18 Bike to Work Day - Bel Air
- 5.22 Bike to Work Day - APG South
- 6.17 Gold Star Families Memorial Dedication, 2:00pm, Concord Point Lighthouse
- 6.21 Harford Chamber Annual Meeting, 11:00am - 1:00pm, Vandiver Inn