

**Mid Shore Regional Council
Executive Board Minutes, Cambridge, Maryland
May 11, 2005**

Present – Hilary Spence, Hope Harrington, Marty Gangemi, Mayor Rippons, Thomas Flowers, Lee Kirwan, Russell Dize, Kevin Morse and Terry Deighan.

Call to order:

Mr. Gangemi called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm. The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Express in Cambridge.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Ms. Spence that was seconded by Mayor Rippons the minutes of September 15, 2004 were approved as presented by unanimous vote.

Treasurers report:

On a motion by Mayor Rippons that was seconded by Dr. Flowers the treasurer's report that was presented by Mayor Rippons was approved by unanimous consent.

Member at Large Request

Ms. Spence proposed to the Board they appoint Ms. Paige Bethke as a Member-At-Large to the Mid Shore Regional Council she announced Ms. Bethke has an interest in serving on the Board and her experience and interest would be beneficial. Ms. Bethke is a former Regional Manager for DBED and now owns a consulting firm in Easton. Mayor Rippons made a motion to allow her to become a member, Ms. Harrington seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Lease with DBED/protocol

Mr. Morse stated to the Board that there has been a difficulty between the MSRC and DBED concerning their intentions as far as the lease is concerned and their presence in the shared office space. Mr. Morse stated he has been waiting for confirmation of their plans for quite some time now and has received no word from them so he is seeking guidance from the council on this matter. Chairman Gangemi suggested to Mr. Morse if he still has no answer from the appropriate contacts by the months end that he seek out a new tenant. Mr. Morse stated CASA could possibly be a partner with the MSRC, it was also suggested we contact Coldwell Banker for possible tenant possibilities. Dr. Flowers suggested each County send a letter to DBED stating what a productive relationship we have had with them and we would like for it to continue but due to financial restraints if they decide not to re-up their lease we will have to look for a new tenant.

FY06 Budget

Mr. Morse presented the Board with a draft budget for their approval. Mr. Morse told the Board once again the guaranteed funding from DBED was being questioned again this year. Hilary suggested alternate funding ideas be looked into at the MACo Convention this year for future years if the MSRC were to lose funding from DBED.

Personnel – Executive Director Contract

Chairman Gangemi asked Mr. Morse and Ms. Deighan to leave the room so the Executive Board could discuss Mr. Morse's contract and raise issues.

Hispanic/immigrant workforce committee

Mr. Morse presented the Board with an outline of the group known as CASA which is an organization that helps Latino people get employment, housing, work papers etc. and has identified them as a group that could tremendously help the Mid Shore Regional Council with their Latino Task Force objectives.

Member matters

none

Adjourn

Chairman Gangemi adjourned the meeting at 5:15 pm.