

Minutes of the February 19, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting for the South Baltimore Gateway Community Impact District Management Authority dba South Baltimore Gateway Partnership (“SBGP”)

The hybrid meeting was held at City Garage, 101 W. Dickman Street, Suite 1000, Baltimore, MD 21230, and by Zoom.

Board members in attendance: Rich Badmington; Brittany Banks; Councilman Zac Blanchard; Veronica Crosby; Jill Donaldson; Diante Edwards; Jasmine Esteve; Chris Firehock; Quinn Fowler; Javon Harris; Quincy Goldsmith; Jazmin Kimble; Karin Lundquist; Nancy Mead; and Noah Smock. SBGP staff members in attendance: Brad Rogers, Acacia Asbell, Jessica Diaz, Colline Emmanuelle, Kanika Feaster-Gordon, Khadeen Grant, Jeff La Noue, Lauren McDade McLaughlin, Erica Pitkow (recording minutes), Radiance Pittman, and Samantha Rose. Other attendees: Doug Hamilton, proxy for Rich Badmington, who was also in attendance; and Bill Reuter, proxy for Quincy Goldsmith, who was also in attendance.

Mr. Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and presided. A quorum was present.

Welcome and Overview

Mr. Rogers highlighted the meeting agenda.

Minutes of the January 15, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting

The minutes of the January 15, 2025, Board of Directors meeting were presented and unanimously approved by the Board.

Executive Director and Staff Reports

Mr. Rogers shared that one new staff member started this month. New SBGP staff members introduced themselves.

Mr. Rogers provided organizational updates and discussed how the organization is managing federal uncertainty. He discussed SBGP’s core casino revenues, supplemental funds, and economic forecasts. SBGP augments its core funding with supplemental funds, which it considers “bonus funds” that enhance SBGP’s core work, which is therefore insulated from the uncertainty of supplemental funds. Mr. Rogers discussed the potential impact of federal uncertainty, strategies for managing uncertainty related to federal funding, and strategies for mitigating risk and developing new funding streams. The Board discussed the topic in detail, including SBGP’s federal funding, the accounting treatments of various grants, and risk management and other management strategies. The Finance Committee will discuss guidelines for the use of SBGP’s emergency reserves.

Ms. Asbell provided Community Grants updates. She highlighted capacity building work, including pro bono professional services to nonprofit partners, as well as completed projects and projects underway. Highlighted projects included community gardens, recreational spaces, youth programs, homeownership initiatives, cleaning and greening, and community programs. Ms. Asbell also discussed the current Community Grants application cycle, outreach, and support.

Ms. Emmanuelle and Ms. Pittman provided communications and outreach updates, including updates on the current Community Grants application cycle, upcoming Keys to Capacity workshops, Reimagine

Middle Branch outreach, the upcoming axe-con digital accessibility conference, and recent press coverage.

Mr. Rogers shared that the South Baltimore Gateway Partnership (donor-advised) Fund at the Baltimore Community Foundation was the recipient of approximately \$7,500.00 in donations in memory of South Baltimore resident Vincent Andrews. SBGP plans to award Community Grants with the funds.

Ms. Pitkow reviewed ethics requirements and outstanding compliance.

Committee and Officer Reports

Governance and Nominating Committee

Ms. Pitkow reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting and is scheduling a meeting to address a Board vacancy and proposed bylaws amendments.

Communications Committee

Mr. Badmington reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. He discussed progress on scoping and budgeting for the website redevelopment project.

Finance Committee

Ms. Mead reported on the February 12, 2025, committee meeting. The FY26 budget is under development. Ms. Pitkow reviewed the December 2024 financial statements and reports.

Program Committee

Mr. Smock reported on the February 3, 2025, Unconscious Bias and Grant Review Training. He discussed the current Community Grants application cycle and review dates.

Strategic Planning Committee

Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Rogers reported on the February 4, 2025, committee meeting. They provided updates on the potential future of Mt. Clare Mansion and the green jobs pipeline initiative.

Public Comments

There were no comments or questions from members of the public or other meeting attendees.

Other Business

Mr. Rogers reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.