



Access and Opportunity Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: January 9, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:47 a.m.

Place: Springfield Technical Community College
1 Armory Square, Building 2
Springfield, MA 01105

Committee Members Present:

Jill Griffin
Bruce Stebbins
Ed Bedrosian
Nader Acevedo
Chelan Brown
Maureen Carney
Eddie Corbin
Emily Earll
Jason Garand
Fiore Grasseti

Kate Harrison
Susan Moir
John David Perez
Jennie Peterson
Mei-Ling Rodriguez
Liz Skidmore
Paul Sheehan
Seth Stratton
Mary Vogel
Shelley Webster

Call to Order

10:11 a.m. Chair, Jill Griffin, called to order the Access and Opportunity Committee Meeting.

Approval of Minutes

10:44 a.m. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Access and Opportunity Committee (“AOC”) meeting held on December 12, 2017. A motion was made to withdraw the minutes, as some copies were missing pages, and some committee members were not able to view the emailed minutes. Missing page(s) will be provided and the minutes will be voted on at next meeting. Motion passed to review and vote at the next meeting, pending missing pages available.

REPORT: MGM Design/Construction Activity – Chelan Brown, Diversity Specialist, Construction & Labor Operations

10:17 a.m. Ms. Brown presented on MGM’s minority and diversity goals for December. The Diversity Task Force is now open to all MGM business partners. MGM is working on a Listening Tour to take place in the future that will involve one-on-one meetings with the apprenticeship programs and business partners. Ms. Brown

gave credit to the unions for their integral work regarding the successful outreach numbers and efforts.

Jason Garand discussed MGM's sponsorship and support of Western MA Girls in Trades event to take place on January 19th, which he mentioned is the future generation of construction trade workers.

11:04 a.m. Fiore Grassetti voiced his concern about the continuing pipeline of construction work, considering the MGM project completion in nine months. Mr. Grassetti stated that Springfield community leaders could continue efforts to maintain oversight of diversity on other projects that are required by statute following the completion of MGM Springfield. Susan Moir informed the group of a recent disparity study commissioned by the City of Springfield and \$300 million of work at UMass Amherst in the pipeline.

John Perez announced the creation of Minority Business Alliance created to maintain and follow up as a group regarding MBE opportunities for local businesses.

REPORT: Wynn Design/Construction Activity – Jennie Peterson, Project Manager/Wynn Boston Harbor; Shelley Webster, Diversity Consultant/In Order Business Solutions

11:07 a.m. Ms. Peterson presented an update on Wynn's current design projects and contracts. She gave a slide presentation illustrating construction progress and remarked that construction has progressed quickly. The 19th floor of the tower has been built. She also discussed ongoing dredging work that will continue into February.

Ms. Peterson stated that corrective action meetings were held last month to increase diversity and minority numbers that were low in December, perhaps due to weather-related slowdowns. With one significant contract out to bid, and change orders expected, Ms. Peterson anticipated contracts and diversity and minority numbers to increase.

Additional Announcements – Jill Griffin, MGC

11:40 a.m. Ms. Griffin stated that moving forward, these meetings will commence at 10:00 a.m. Committee members approved.

Liz Skidmore announced that there will be a career fair taking place in June 2018 focusing on veterans. Ms. Skidmore will provide more information to interested parties.

Mr. Grassetti stated that it is important that state and local officials push developers and owners to analyze upcoming projects, the local workforce, and its direct impact on the local economy.

11:47 a.m. A motion was made to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

List of Documents and Other Items Used:

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Access and Opportunity Committee Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated January 4, 2018
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Access and Opportunity Committee Draft Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2017
3. Wynn Boston Harbor Access and Opportunity Committee Monthly Update PowerPoint Presentation dated January 9, 2018
4. MGM Springfield Access and Opportunity Committee PowerPoint Presentation dated January 9, 2018
5. MGM Springfield: Totals for Access and Opportunity Goals of December 31, 2017
6. MGM Springfield Video TBD