



Community Advisory Committee

Regular

~ Minutes ~

70 Tapley Street
Springfield, MA 01104
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Tuesday, January 14, 2020

5:00 PM

Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center

I. Call to Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on January 14, 2020 at Richard E. Neal City Hall Annex - 70 Tapley Street Conference Center.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Leo Florian		Present	
Denise Jordan		Present	
Jose Claudio		Present	
David Patrick Morrissey		Absent	
Vanessa Otero		Absent	
Johnnie Ray McKnight		Present	
Seth Stratton		Late	
Bishop Talbert Swan		Late	
Arlen Carballo		Late	
Patrick Leary		Present	
Mildred Arroyo		Absent	

II. Approval of Minutes

Committee Member Leo Florian made a motion to approve the public minutes of the meeting on November 14, 2019. Motion was seconded by Committee Member Jose Claudio with a unanimous vote to approve.

III. Public Speak Out

No members of the public were present.

IV. New Business

A. *Presentation by PVTA regarding Loop transit connector*

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) administrator Sandra Sheehan appeared before the committee to present information, statistics as well as strengths and weaknesses related to The Loop bus service which provides fare free rides to downtown tourist attractions including MGM Springfield.

B. *Review and discussion of MGM-Springfield diversity goals and local business engagement*

Joe Frigo of Frigo's and Rebecca Merigian of Park Cleaners appeared before the committee regarding their experiences relative to impact on and the level of outreach to small businesses in the area and contracting with MGM Springfield.

C. *Committee discussion and action on scheduling a meeting dedicated to public participation and comment regarding the MGM casino*

The committee discussed how their meetings will be conducted and how the information they gather from the public and their recommendations will be shared with MGM Springfield and the City of Springfield.

V. *All Other Matters Properly Before the Board*

Motion to adjourn by Committee Member Bishop Talbert Swan. Motion was seconded by Committee Member Jose Claudio with all voting in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM