

July 3, 2019



Crisfield Mayor and City Council
319 W. Main St.
Crisfield, Maryland 21817

Executive Committee

Co-Chair
Nelson Sheppard
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Buddy Ward

Dear Mayor Dize and Members of the Crisfield City Council,

The Crisfield Revitalization Committee would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for the unanimous vote of approval for the formation of this committee (the CRC) which has allowed us to move quickly on the following:

Development/
Design Team

Peck Miller
Patti Miller
Jeff Schoellkopf

Forming the committee and meeting on July 1, 2019.
Organizing and preparing a list of short and long term goals.
Contacting and meeting with the following State officials:
a) Tom Kelso, Director of the Maryland Stadium Authority
b) Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources
c) Steve McAdams, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives
d) Secretary Kenneth C. Holt, Department of Housing and Community Development

At each meeting we were met with enthusiasm and support for the ideas we presented for Crisfield's revitalization. Tom Kelso and Secretary Holt were both intrigued with the possibility of coordinating the construction of certain parts of the downtown area with the Crisfield infrastructure construction, which could save time and money.

After reviewing the entire Crisfield Revitalization plan, which includes the Conference Center, Parking Garage, Working Waterfront, Watermen's Memorial Park, Hotel, Restaurants, etc., Secretary Holt asked that Crisfield submit a letter to the Maryland Stadium Authority requesting they proceed with an MSA economic development study of the Crisfield Revitalization Project (considered the GOLD STANDARD of studies for the State of Maryland). In addition, Crisfield would contribute up to 50% of the cost of the study, not to exceed \$12,500. This study should be completed by October of 2019 and will help pave the way for future opportunities to help fulfill the implementation of the CRC project. Please note that the \$12,500 contribution for the MSA study will be provided by private citizens and the business community through the Crisfield Revitalization Committee, not with City of Crisfield tax dollars.

The CRC, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council of Crisfield has garnered the attention and support of State agencies. The wheels have begun to turn.

We want to share one piece of advice that a few of the department heads gave us before we closed our meetings: "The clock is ticking. After the first of this year we only have about 1,000 days left of this current (supportive) administration, to help fulfill our vision of an economically viable and sustainable Crisfield. Act accordingly." From this point on, in order to keep the wheels turning, in addition to presenting our City Council CRC Progress Report, we will be submitting any governmental requests or required documents as soon as we receive them. Our first request will be this evening. As the CRC was charged to be a conduit between the city and State funding opportunities, tonight we set a precedent of full transparency, as we discuss and quickly expedite the MSA request. Thank you, in advance, for your support.

Sincerely,

Nelson Sheppard
Co-Chair

Buddy Ward
Co-Chair