NIGHTTIME ECONOMY TASK FORCE

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

MIKE DIEGEL AND MEGAN PAGADO, CO-LEADS

MEETING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tuesday, June 25, 2013; 6-7 pm

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center

4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814

* Reviewed and approved the Arts & Entertainment Subcommittee Work Plan
  + Clarified that each meeting will feature a guest speaker to address a different Key Topic as listed in the Work Plan
* Guest Speaker: Frank DeLange, Department of Permitting Services
  + Spoke about the Benefit Performance License:

*“A Benefit Performance is an event conducted and operated by a bonafide non-profit organization within Montgomery County, the net proceeds of which are exclusively for the benefit of the organization. Benefit Performances include carnivals, fairs, picnics, dances, bazaars, concerts, card party, contest, barbecue or dinner and horse shows to which the public is invited or admission. Any bonafide non-profit organization within the county will need a Benefit-Performance License to conduct a benefit performance.”*

* Guest Speaker: Clark Beil, Department of Health & Human Services
  + Spoke about the Enterprise License:

*“Anyone who intends to operate an amusement park,* ***theaters, dance halls****, for profit swimming pools, baseball, etc., parks, carnivals, circuses, roller skating rinks, miniature golf courses, driving ranges, pitch & put courses and pony rings.”*

* Committee Discussion
  + Committee questioned the value of and need for the Benefit Performance License, as its existence is not widely known among nonprofits required to procure this license for fundraising activities.
  + Committee discussed the need for a more streamlined process when procuring the various permits and licenses needed to open and operate a business that contributes to the nighttime economy:
    - Licenses and permits are managed by too many different departments.
    - There is a need for a “one stop shop” for information, resources and guidance, both online and in-person (perhaps at the Regional Service Centers).
* Next steps
  + Members were asked to send draft recommendations to Mike and Megan.

**Resources**

* Benefit Performance License: <http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/license/BenefitPerformanceLicense.aspx>
* Enterprise License: <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhptmpl.asp?url=/content/hhs/license/EnvHealth/Enterprise/index.asp>