

# Long Island Regional Planning Board

## Summary Minutes

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### **Meeting of June 5, 2007**

**Nassau County Executive Building, One West Street, Mineola, New York**

#### LIRPB Board Members Present:

James Larocca, Chair  
John D. Cameron, Vice-Chair  
V. Elaine Gross  
Paul Tonna  
Theresa E. Sanders

#### Ex-Officio Members Present:

Arda Nazerian  
Raymond A. Ribeiro  
Patricia Bourne  
Thomas Isles  
Janet Ioli, representing Hon. Joseph Sawicki  
Hon. Howard Weitzman

Michael E. White, Executive Director LIRPB

#### Staff and Guests Present:

Seth Forman, LIRPB  
Jackie Gross, Counsel, Nassau County Attorney's Office  
Phyllis Seidman, Counsel, Suffolk County Attorney's Office  
Graham Long, Nassau County Planning  
Todd Seidel, Nassau County Planning  
Ann Golob, Long Island Index  
Dan Gulizio, Suffolk County Planning Department  
Elaine Quick, Suffolk County Planning Department  
Lindsay Gillies  
Jane Fasullo, Sierra Club  
Lyle Sclair, Sustainable Long Island  
Ali Nazir, Suffolk County Legislator John M. Kennedy's office  
Louis D'Amarani, Suffolk County Legislator John M. Kennedy's office  
Robert Brickman, Nassau County Planning Commission  
Rick Brand, Newsday  
Deborah K. Herma, Building Long Island  
Cate Poe, Long Island Organizing Network  
Jay T. Korth, Catholic Charities  
May Newburger, Nassau County Planning Federation  
Sean Rainey, Nassau County Office of Real Estate and Development  
Chris Jones, Regional Plan Association  
Jim Morgo, Suffolk County EDWH  
Neal Lewis, Neighborhood Network  
Michael Allen Harrison, Office of the Governor

Valerie Zurblis, Building Long Island

Meeting Commenced: 10:15 am

- Chair Larocca called the meeting to order.
- Chair Larocca asked for approval of the minutes of the May 1, 2007 meeting.

*Minutes were approved unanimously, on motion of Vice-Chair Cameron, seconded by Theresa E. Sanders.*

#### **Executive Director's Report – Michael White**

- Executive Director White reported on updates to the housing plan, budget/business plan, staffing updates, and obtaining office space.
- Introduction of new summer interns.
- Update on Touro Law School project.
- Update on downstate housing incentive zone.
- Update on the planned October planning summit.

#### **Hon. Howard Weitzman – Report on the Governor's consolidation commission**

- Mr. Weitzman updated the board on the status of the Governor's commission.
- Expected April 2008 report to be issued.
- No exclusion of schools and school taxes from the report.
- All levels of government are being analyzed in the report.
- All levels are being defended by various government bodies.

#### **Presentation by Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi**

- The County Executive discussed his announcement of the county's request for proposals for consultants to develop a government consolidation plan
- The plan would need to determine what the result of a government consolidation would be (money saved, impact on services)
- Plan would include libraries, water, solid waste/sanitation, school business functions, parks & roads, and sewers
- Plan will not include fire districts, and the County Executive suggested it should be done island-wide.

*The board discussed the consolidation plan, how it would work, especially as it relates to solid waste.*

#### **Executive Director's Report (continued)**

- Update on planning council legislation proposal; broad support for the legislation is expected.

### **Housing report discussion**

- Chair Larocca asked the board to consider the overall housing strategy to adopt, including initiatives and recommendations.

*The board unanimously approved to bring a strategy paper on housing initiatives before the board, on motion of Paul Tonna, seconded by V. Elaine Gross.*

- Discussion of uniform development applications, regional standards, and hurdles to density and growth.
- Mr. Jim Morgo spoke about economic sustainability, inclusionary zoning and incentives for higher density, the era of single-family homes on individual lots ending, and the necessity for redevelopment.

*The board unanimously approved the adoption of a working strategy of housing initiatives to be pursued, with an invitation for comments, on motion of Vice-Chair Cameron, seconded by Paul Tonna.*

### **Energy Agenda – Vice-Chair Cameron**

- Issues of differentiating between energy sources and energy needs were discussed.
- The need to outline a plan and gather information and data on future energy needs and sources discussed.

### **LIRPB support for plaNYC**

- Chair Larocca and Executive Director White asked the board to authorize a letter of support and full participation in plaNYC to be sent to the Mayor's office of the City of New York.
- Chair Larocca asked for consultation on the matter with both Nassau and Suffolk County Executives.

*The board unanimously approved the authorization of a letter to conceptually support plaNYC to be sent to the City of New York, on motion of Paul Tonna, seconded by V. Elaine Gross.*

### **Public Portion**

- Jane Fasullo (Sierra Club) spoke about consideration of current affordable housing alternatives and energy concerns.
- Cate Poe (LION) spoke about studies surrounding housing issues.

*At 12:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned unanimously, on motion of Vice-Chair Cameron, seconded by V. Elaine Gross.*

Adjournment.

Next meeting to be held on **Tuesday, July 10, 2007** at 10:00 a.m. in Suffolk County.

**Prepared and submitted by: Graham Long, Planner, Nassau County - 6/22/2007**