

Long Island Regional Planning Board

Summary Minutes

Meeting of August 7, 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
James Large

Ex-Officio Members Present:

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

Michael E. White, Executive Director LIRPB

Staff Members 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 Commission

(A record of guests present was not prepared for the August 8, 2007 meeting.)

Meeting Commenced: 10:08 am

- Chair Larocca called the meeting to order.
- Chair Larocca asked for approval of the minutes of the July 10, 2007 meeting.
 - V. Elaine Gross asked the minutes to be corrected, to reflect her absence at the July 10, 2007 meeting.

Revised Minutes were approved unanimously, on motion of Vice-Chair Cameron, seconded by Paul Tonna.

Patrick Foley – Acting Chair, Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC)

- Mr. Foley informed the board as to recent state accomplishments in economic development, as well as the need to make further progress on the issue of the affordability of doing business on Long Island.
- Mr. Foley outlined the following priority issues for the ESDC:
 - Workforce/next generation housing

- Jobs
- Young people leaving New York, the ‘brain drain’
- Need to attract new industries
- Linking of SUNY system with New York businesses
- Fund for affordable housing
- Energy
 - Reducing electric costs
 - Fixing the energy infrastructure
 - Moving toward environmentally friendly energy production
 - The Renewable Energy Taskforce
- Restore New York program, to help depressed communities
- Reforming the Empire Zone program

The Board discussed issues related to the above with Mr. Foley, including job growth, problems with local control, limitations of infrastructure, brownfields, workers compensation reform, and under-performing schools.

Chair Larocca announced meeting schedule changes, including moving the September 4, 2007 scheduled meeting to September 10, 2007, and changing the start time of the November 7, 2007 meeting to 11:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m.

Executive Director’s Report – Michael White

- Executive Director White reported that the planning council legislation passed the Nassau County Legislature on July 30, 2007.
- Space within Nassau Hall should be usable within several weeks.
- Budget/business plan
- Energy Agenda
- September 18th panel with Building Long Island
- Update on the October 2nd planning summit

Chair Larocca asked the Board to authorize an appropriation to retain an Event Planner for the October planning summit of up to \$20,000.

***The Board unanimously approved** the appropriation, on motion of Vice-Chair Cameron, seconded by James Large, with Theresa E. Sanders abstaining.*

Public Portion

- Neal Lewis (Neighborhood Network) spoke about energy issues and the Long Island Energy & Environment Roundtable

The meeting was adjourned unanimously, on motion of Theresa E. Sanders, seconded by Paul Tonna.

Adjournment.

Next meeting: **Monday, September 10, 2007** at 10:00 a.m. in Suffolk County.

Prepared and submitted by: Graham Long, Planner, Nassau County - 9/5/2007