

U&D Corridor Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: August 4, 2014 – 6:30
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Tracey Bartels
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn A. Tantillo, Sr. Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Herbert Litts, III (left 8:45), Lynn Archer (arrived 7:30), Carl Belfiglio (left 9:42), David Donaldson, Manna Jo Greene, James Maloney, Jeanette Provenzano and Kenneth Ronk, Jr.
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Carol Armstrong, Ulster County Purchasing; Chris White, Deputy Director of Planning; Ernie Hunt, Catskill Mountain Railroad; John Grossbohl, City of Kingston Complete Streets; Kathy Nolan Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee and Ulster County Tourism Advisory Board; Nick Mercurio; Meg Carey

Chairman Bartels called the meeting to order at 7:23 PM.

Motion No 1: Approving the minutes July13, 2015 as presented.
Motion Made By: Legislator Belfiglio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts
Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Litts, Archer, Belfiglio, Donaldson, Greene, Maloney, Provenzano and Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 9
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Chairman Bartels confirmed that committee members had received the draft of the RFP to hire a consultant and asked for feedback and suggestions.

The committee members had a detailed discussion about various sections of the RFP making several corrections and changes to the RFP

After consensus was reached on several changes, Ms. Armstrong agreed to review the changes and add details about the budget and time frame for responses. She hopes to have the RFP out by Friday, August 7, 2015 giving vendors 4 weeks to respond.

Motion No 1: Giving Chairman Bartels and/or Deputy Chairman Litts the authority to sign off on the final RFP and to answer questions from vendors.
Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts
Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Litts, Archer, Belfiglio, Donaldson, Greene, Maloney, Provenzano and Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 9
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Chairman Bartels noted the short time frame the committee has to complete the tasks before them. She asked the committee members to commit to a rigorous turn around once the RFPs are received.

New Business

Legislator Provenzano distributed a press release from James Noble, President of the Kingston City Council announcing a public forum to afford the opportunity to City residents and business owners to ask questions and give their opinions on the Rail v Trail for the U&D Corridor. She felt strongly that this event was inappropriate and gave a history of the actions of the City of Kingston in support of a trail.

Chairman Bartels noted that Mr. Noble had invited the Chairman of the Legislature and two Legislators he chooses to take part in the forum. She had not had an opportunity to speak with the Chairman and did not see this as a personal slight.

Legislator Archer was shocked that the Ulster County Legislative Chairman was taking part in the event and felt it was disrespectful that he had not discussed it with the committee before agreeing to attend.

Legislator Donaldson applauded the effort and hoped that more public hearings like it would be held in the other towns along the U&D Corridor. He noted the process used to address the “Ellenville Million” and felt this kind of public input was a positive step in assuring the best possible outcome. He was disappointed that a similar request for public input on the future of the U&D Corridor had not taken place.

Several Legislators disagreed and felt that the Legislature had received a plethora of public input over the last several months. There was a discussion about the U&D corridor within the City and how this forum would impact this committee.

Legislator Ronk said it was his understanding that Chairman Parete was simply asked if he would participate if a public forum was held and he agreed. He didn't feel it had any impact on this committee's work.

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Ronk, seconded by Legislator Maloney and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of August, 2015

Fawn A. Tantillo, Senior Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved on September 1, 2015.