

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: August 12, 2015, Immediately Following Caucus
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Thomas J. Briggs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Herbert Litts, III, and Mary Beth Maio
ABSENT: Legislators Chris Allen and James Maloney
EXCUSED: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Manna Jo Greene and Legislative Clerk Victoria Fabella

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 8:25 PM.

Motion No. 1 Resolution No. 295 – August 18, 2015

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 295** - Supporting The Consideration And Inclusion Of 300 Flatbush Avenue, Kingston, New York In The State And National Registers Of Historic Places

Resolution No. 295 Summary: This Resolution supports the consideration and inclusion of 300 Flatbush Avenue, Kingston, New York in the State and National Registers of Historic Places and requests the Ulster County Economic Development Alliance Inc. complete and file with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature within 30 days the “Statement of Owner Support” as attached in Exhibit A. In addition, the Resolution directs the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature to forward copies of this resolution to the members of the City of Kingston Common Council and to Jennifer Betsworth, Historic Preservation Specialist, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation.

Discussion:

Legislator Archer noted it was an important issue but indicated she was struggling with the County inserting itself in a role of the local Planning Board.

Legislator Bartels felt the City of Kingston’s in house designation was much more expansive than the State designation. She indicated she would like some more information.

Legislator Archer stated she spoke with the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Kingston and County Executive Hein. She expressed concern with the County having no authority on this matter, other than a memorializing measure to direct the EDA. She felt the EDA should be looking at it and pursuing the designation. She noted the City of Kingston was and should be pursuing it in their own backyard.

Legislator Litts felt the County should not be usurping the roles of the Planning and Zoning Boards for the City of Kingston.

Chairman Briggs concurred that this was a home rule issue.

Legislator Bartels noted the Historic Preservation Commission could make the designation and wondered why wouldn't they hadn't done it already.

Legislator Archer indicated the Historic Preservation Commission met with County Executive Hein and that they were satisfied with the response they received from him.

Committee members discussed the roles and processes for historical designations by the local zoning and planning boards.

Legislator Bartels noted the recent discussion regarding the transfer of the LDC and the Orange County court ruling discussion taking place at the Ways & Means Committee. She noted the Ulster County Legislature should be looking into the super majority requirement for transfer or sale of real property.

Roll Call Vote:	No
Voting In Favor:	Legislators Archer, Bartels, and Briggs
Voting Against:	Legislators Litts and Maio
No. of Votes in Favor:	3
No. of Votes Against:	2
Disposition:	Defeated

Adjournment

Motion Made By:	Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Maio
No. of Votes in Favor:	5
No. of Votes Against:	0

TIME: 8:36 PM

Dated the 25th day of August, 2015
Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: