

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: April 3, 2018 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: K.L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator James Maloney
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Archer, Delune, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
ABSENT: Litts
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive, Kathy Nolan, Legislator, Laura Petit, Legislator, Heidi Haynes, Legislator, Kathy Nolan, Legislator, Maxanne Resnick, Woodstock Land Conservancy, Stuart & Susan Auchincloss, Friends of Catskill Mtn Railroad, John Grossbohlin, City of Kingston Complete Advisory Council, Kevin Smith, Friends of Catskill Mtn. Rail Trail Woodstock Land Conservancy, Chris White, Planning Department, Nick Mercurio, Citizen, Sharon Burns -Leader, Friends of CMRR – Co-owner of Bread Alone, Inc.

Legislator Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of March 6, 2018 & March 20, 2018

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes Approved

Resolutions for the April 17, 2018 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 128: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – HVEA Engineers – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with HVEA Engineers in the amount of \$165,000.00 for engineering and right-of-way services related to the Ulster County Midtown Linear Park.

Motion No. 2: Resolution No. 128 moved for discussion
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Chris White stated this resolution pertains to the Linear Park in Kingston and it is 80% Federal Grant and 20% local match. This is the same type of grant used for the Hudson Valley Rail/Trail and the same contractor will be used in Town of Lloyd.

Legislator Archer asked if easements need to be acquired for this project. Chris White stated yes and referred to a few areas called GOR – which are stranded pieces of property. A condemnation will be done against owners who owned deeds dating back to the 1800's. There are encroachments that the County will need to clean up and the Planning Department will be coming to the Legislature in a few months to surplus some land.

Legislator Rodriguez asked will rails be set aside and stored. Chris stated that would have to be placed in the bid documents and Catskill Mtn Railroad would also need to participate due to the complexity of the digging up the rails.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 128
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Jim Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 129: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO Inc – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with RUPCO Inc. in the amount of \$444,000.00 for implementation of the New York State Homes and Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant homeownership program.

Motion No. 3: Resolution No. 129 moved for discussion
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

Dennis Doyle stated this resolution was an awarded contract from NYS Department of Office Committee Renewal and it is a \$450,000 reward and Rupco is the sub-recipient and will receive money for both the individual project components as well as administration money. Most of the money goes to applicants for home buying but the administration will receive roughly \$60K. Rupco does incur costs for the project delivery of this program.

Legislator Archer asked what were the costs that Rupco incurs. Dennis stated that Rupco documents their cost back to the County as part of their work.

Legislator Rodriguez asked what the County's fee is for this project on top of the \$60K. Dennis Doyle stated the County takes an \$11K administration fee for administering the grant. Legislator Rodriguez asked if this was the secondary grant for sewers. Dennis Doyle stated there were two grants. One grant was for the septic system and was not funded and the other was a homeowner grant. The governor announced a septic program on a state-wide basis and Ulster County was not chosen for that project but there is money that came through the budget process that is available.

Dennis is unsure when the 2018 application public hearing will take place but there have been discussions about having the chairman call public hearings related to CDGB.

Legislator Delaune asked which local lenders are participating and Dennis stated the County will not know until a later date.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt No. 129**
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Jim Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 138: Ratifying Recommendation For Use Of Project Labor Agreement For Ashokan Rail Trail Project- Phase 2 Construction- Capital Project No. 459- Department of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the recommendation of the Director of Planning and Director of Purchasing to use a PLA agreement for the Ashokan Rail Trail.

Motion No. 5: **Resolution No. 138 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Chris White stated this was a recommendation to use a PLA agreement for Phase 2 for the construction for the Ashokan Rail/Trail. The Legislature previously approved the funds for the study and the study determined an estimate of 7.4% savings on the overall labor costs. The Unions will be saving the County money by working flexible shifts for certain parts of the project. The County hopes to go out to bid two days after April Session’s approval. 75% of the money has been lined up and it is a great way to maximize local participation. The County had received good news that a settlement with FEMA regarding the 2011 and 2012 underestimated projects had been awarded.

Legislator Rodriguez asked what were the anticipated costs for Phase 2. Chris White stated the cost will be \$9.6 million dollars but only \$2.5 million constitutes labor costs.

Legislator Archer asked if there were additional changes to the contract. Chris White stated there were a few others such as holidays, ratios of forman to workers and ratio of journeymen to apprentices which saves money on the laborers.

Discussion ensued.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt No. 138**
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Jim Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 152: Re-Establishing The Ulster County Railroad Advisory Committee – Ulster County Legislature

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves on-going efforts to previous railroad advisory committees and exploring ways the railroad could enhance economic development.

Motion No. 7: **Resolution No. 152 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez confirmed the sponsor was not present and asked the Chairman if the policy was to postpone the resolution if sponsor was not present. Chairman Maloney stated he did not think there was a need for a Railroad Committee since there is a TRAC Committee. Earlier in the day Chairman Jim Maloney had spoken to Brad Jordan and discussed the railroad had not reached out to the Kingston Plaza about working out an agreement.

Legislator Archer asked for clarification between the TRAC Committee vs the Railroad Committee. Chris White stated the main difference in his opinion was the Railroad Advisory was established specifically for the lease that CMRR had for 25 years. The TRAC Committee was established through a 2015 Resolution to oversee all different aspects being done on the 38-mile corridor including Linear Park, Polar Express, Rail Explorers and Ashokan Rail Trail.

Legislator Rodriguez stated since Legislator Donaldson was not present to defend his resolution he would make a motion to postpone and give Legislator Donaldson the opportunity to state his case.

Legislator Jim Maloney stated he had a photograph and the railroad had contacted Williams Lumber to do some type of freight transportation. The railroad would have to run through the DEP parking lot and through Cornell Street where the city is already paved if trying to reach the CSX line.

Chris White stated the commissioner was criticized for dispelling the idea of transporting freight but transporting freight violates legislative policy and the CMRR lease to not operate as a common carrier. Discussion ensued.

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Postpone No. 152**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer & Rodriguez
Voting Against: Legislators Delaune, Maio, Jim Maloney & Woltman
Votes in Favor: 2
Votes Against: 4
Disposition: Motion to Postpone Defeated

Motion No. 9: **Motion to Adopt No. 152**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: None
Voting Against: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Jim Maloney, Rodriguez & Woltman
Votes in Favor: 0
Votes Against: 6
Disposition: Motion Defeated

Old Business:

Chairman Maloney stated about two months ago a request for resumes for the IDA Board was announced and currently there are seven resumes with three current spots open on the board. Four members have requested a continuation of service. Legislator Rodriguez stated all seven spots are currently up for appointment or re-appointment.

Legislator Maloney circulated the questions from 2016 and suggested conducting interviews before the next Economic Development meeting.

Legislator Rodriguez stated there are four people who are interested in serving and seven people have sent in resumes so a total of eleven people for seven spots.

Legislator Maloney suggested reviewing the questions and making additions or deletions. The interviews will be in Executive Session and committee members will only ask questions. Legislator Rodriguez stated other legislators can be present. Legislator Archer asked if other legislators are present and are seeking clarification on a question are they allowed to ask. Chairman Maloney stated he will follow previous IDA interview procedures.

Legislator Rodriguez suggested adding the question if the applicant had read the policies or procedures of the IDA and what were their opinions. In addition, Legislator Rodriguez suggested sending an email confirmation with the IDA link to all applicants asking them to review mission statement, policies and procedures.

Chairman Maloney suggested holding the interviews the last week of April.

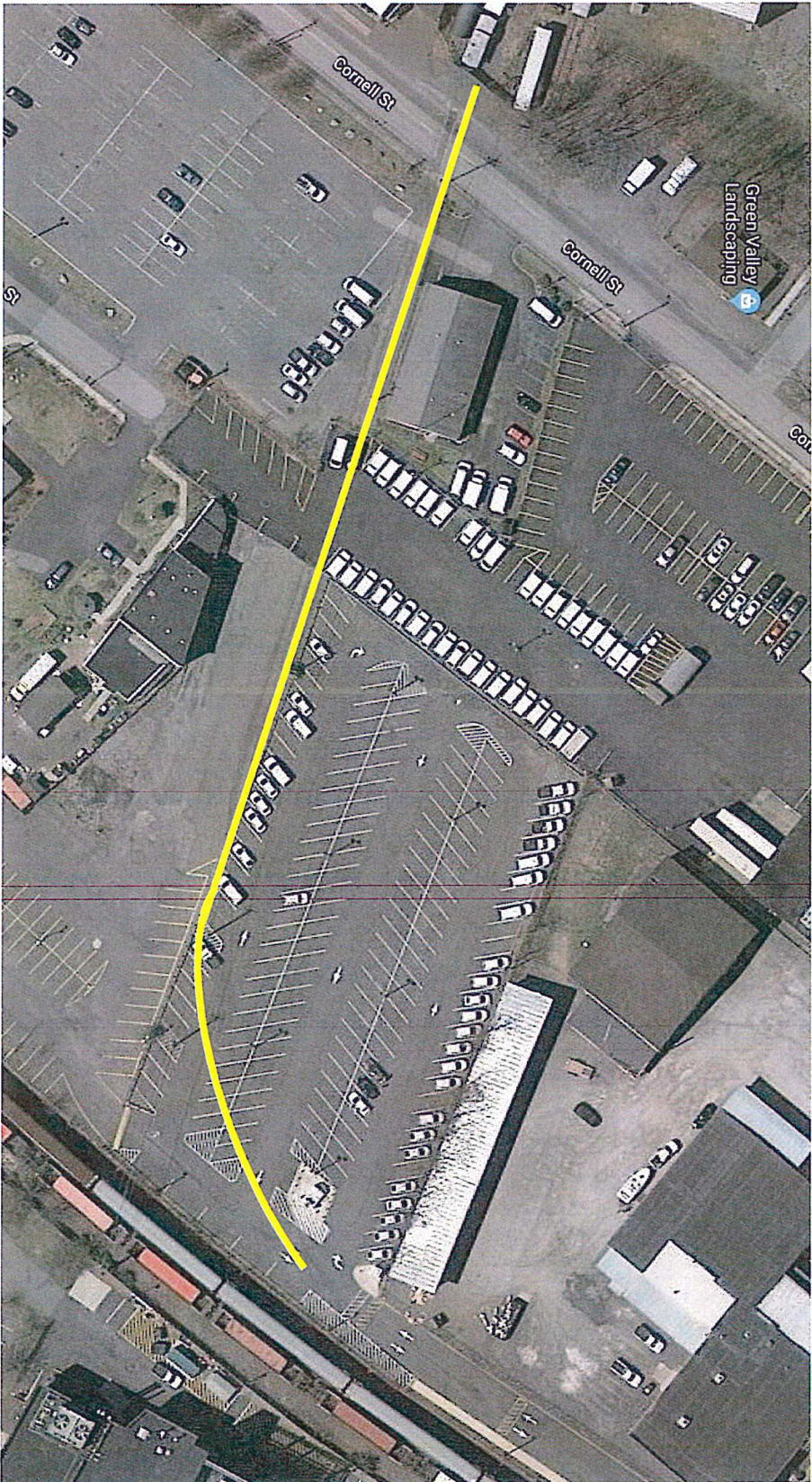
Legislator Maio suggested editing some of the questions and Legislator Archer stated she would review and send along to the committee. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Archer suggested start time for 5:00 PM and 15 minutes intervals. Discussion ensued.

There being no further business, Legislator Maio motioned to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez.

Time: 7:04 PM

Respectfully submitted: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
Minutes Approved: May 1, 2018



Former Connection - Cornell St. to CSX



Cornell St. Former Rail Yard Contamination



Elmendorf Street Underpass- 15' Wide



Albany Avenue Underpass- 15' Wide



Cut Area with Drainage Issues



Future Midtown Linear Park