

Committee Members Attendees: Hector Rodriguez, Chair, Gary Bischoff, Peter Loughran, Mary Sheeley, Joseph Roberti, Deputy Chair, Wayne Harris, Catherine Terrizzi

Other Attendees: Legislator Glenn Noonan, Legislator Alan Lomita, Lance Matteson, UCDC, Linda Clark, UCDC, Cynthia Ruiz, UCAT, John Akus, UCAT, Carol Hargrove, UCAT, Nancy Schaefer, OET, Fawn Potash, Artist

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodriguez at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Rodriguez asked for any public comments.

Legislator Alan Lomita, Carol Hargrove and Nancy Schaefer spoke supporting the reappointment of Cynthia Ruiz as Director of Public Transit for UCAT.

Ulster County Area Transit – UCAT

The Federal Transit Administration instructs us to use 1% of our funding for artwork. The artwork projects have been bid out. Cynthia had a short power point presentation with sample artwork.

- Purchase of two printers – Approved by all
- Conference Attendance / Cynthia to Advocacy Day – Approved by all
- RUPCO poster – motion was made to approve by Legislator Harris, Second by Legislator Sheeley – carried - Legislator Loughran opposed
- Planning poster - motion was made to approve by Legislator Sheeley, Second by Legislator Bischoff – all in favor
- John Lukaszewski request for return transportation from the St. Patrick's Day Parade – Approved by all
- Dawn Meola transportation request – Approved by all
- DOT inspections:
 - New incident/accident form will be made
 - Formed an accident review committee
- Cynthia sent out letters in April 2007 to FTA and NYSDOT that there were issues in the maintenance area. Neither responded to the letter.
- On February 9th there will be a DOT training at Trailways in Kingston.
- Carol Hargrove gave Medicaid & Senior transportation numbers
 - Medicaid – 2006 – 3,596 2007 – 4,659
 - Seniors – 2006 - 12,779 2007 – 13,116
- Medicaid pays for Paula's salary, computer and equipment
- Committee requested that Carol do a report on how many people are riding in cabs
- UCAT hired a hydro employee who was laid off

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Legislator Loughran requested that the committee go into executive session, second by Legislator Sheeley. All in favor.

Legislator Sheeley moved to come out of executive session, second by Legislator Harris. All in favor.

Chairman Rodriguez – No action was taken in executive session. The decision to hold off the reappointment of the Director of Public Transit to next month's meeting.

Ulster County Development Corporation - UCDC

Resolution - Shovel Ready for the fees
Motion made by Legislator Sheeley, second by Legislator Loughran. All in favor.

Resolution – Ulster Tomorrow Funding as amended
Motion made by Legislator Bischoff, second by Legislator Sheeley. All in favor.

Resolution – Amendment to 2008 Budget
Motion made by Legislator Harris, second by Legislator Sheeley. All in favor.

Resolution - Appointments to Ulster County Industrial Development Agency – majority only as amended. Motion made by Legislator Sheeley, second by Legislator Bischoff. All in favor.

Irene McPherson is no longer with UCDC. A new job description is being written.

Ulster County Office of Employment and Training – OET

OET applied for two grants

- \$500,000 ESL in the workplace 8/18 businesses that signed on are in Ulster County.
- Green technology - \$50,000

Funding for next year will be cut by 20%.

The committee agreed to authorize UCAT to train drivers sent over from OET.

Legislator Roberti left at 8:20 p.m.

Ulster County Planning Department

Resolution – Authorizing the Chairman to sign contracts with New York State Agriculture and Markets for the Purchase of Development Rights for the Arrowhead Farm (Davis) in the town of Rochester - Motion made by Legislator Sheeley, second by Legislator Harris. All in favor.

Resolution – Authorizing the establishment of Capital Project for the Purchase of Development Rights For the Arrowhead Farm (Davis) in the town of Rochester – Motion was made by Legislator Sheeley, second by Legislator Bischoff. All in favor.

Resolution – Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Ulster County Farmworker Housing Program Motion was made by Legislator Sheeley, second by Legislator Terrizzi. All in favor.

Resolution – Authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Open Space Land Conservancy for the purchase of development rights to the Arrowhead Farm MOA Motion was made by Legislator Sheeley, second by Legislator Loughran. All in favor.

Resolution – Appointing Paul Brown from the Town of New Paltz as an alternate to the Ulster County Planning Board. Motion was made by Legislator Rodriguez, second by Legislator Loughran. All in favor.

Approval of funding to allow for coffee and muffins at UCTC Committee meetings. Motion was made by Legislator Sheeley, second by Legislator Loughran. All in favor.

Conference Attendance Approval. Approved by Legislator Rodriguez. All in favor.

U.C. Community Development Block Grant Program – Public hearings 2/13 and 4/2, application deadline 4/21/2008.

Training Programs – water quality at SUNY Ulster – March 11, 2008

Motion was made by Legislator Sheeley to adjourn, second by Legislator Harris. All in favor. Meeting ended at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Carroll.