

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, PLANNING & TRANSIT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES - November 30, 2009  
MEETING HELD AT: UCAT – One Danny Circle, Kingston, NY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:   Legislator Hector Rodriguez – Chairman      Legislator Catherine Terrizzi  
                  Legislator Peter Loughran                              Legislator Mary Sheeley

ABSENT OR EXCUSED: Legislator Gary Bischoff (excused); Legislator Wayne Harris (excused); Legislator Joseph P. Roberti Jr. (absent)

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Dennis Doyle, Director of Planning dropped by, had another commitment; Lydia “Lee” Reidy, Exec. Director of Cornell Co-Op; Lance Matteson, President of UCDC;

Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM and asked for a motion to approve the October minutes. **Motion was made by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Terrizzi. All were in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Lance Matteson emailed statistical data regarding job creation and funding information, as requested, to committee members.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Discussion:* Legislator Loughran raised that Gustavo “Albert” Mena is working to get an uptown theatre in Kingston and has a number of investors who would consider partnering on the Intermodal Center in terms of having the theatre be part of the project. Lance indicated the Intermodal Center is still quite far off but Dennis Doyle would know the most about it. He also expressed he is familiar with Albert’s project, but would want to see a specific plan. He knows Albert has been meeting with many people, voicing a plan but has seen nothing in writing. Lance was asked to speak to Dennis Doyle and let him know of this possibility.

*Discussion:* Legislator Sheeley raised that she is hearing the State wants to come down and review the Brownfield site(s) in the Warwasing area for Brownfield designation and wished to know what Lance’s thoughts were on this. Lance indicated that while often there are concerns such a designation could tie up the property, this could also be a positive situation - pending clean up fund availability, speed at which a site could be cleaned up, who is interested in the site, etc.. There are also developers with risk engineers who assess brown field sites and will purchase them for specific development opportunities (ie other industrial sites.)

*Discussion:* Lee Reidy of Cornell Cornell Cooperative reported they received the Robert Wood Johnson Grant for Healthy Communities – and will be working on such projects as safe routes to school, obesity issues, nutrition programs, etc. with schools, the city of Kingston and a number of other not-for- profits.

Budget talk arose and as part of this discussion, the question was asked as to what the affiliation is with Cornell University and how it benefits the Co-Op. Federal land grant program, began under President Lincoln, allowed for Cornell Co-Op to be established via Cornell University. Land was granted in each state to Universities willing to establish a public sector to their programming that would allow citizens to become educated on various matters whether they attended the university or not. Cornell Co-Op benefits greatly by this affiliation with regard to what information and resources they are able to access to run their various programs, in terms of funding and grants they are eligible for and regarding various assistance with staffing.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Appointing Member to the Ulster County Planning Board –Village of Saugerties

**Motion was made by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Sheeley. All were in favor.**

Appointing Member to the Ulster County Planning Board –Town of Gardiner

**Motion was made by Legislator Terrizzi, Seconded by Legislator Loughran. All were in favor.**

Re-Appointing Member to the Ulster County Planning Board –Village of New Paltz

**Motion was made by Legislator Rodriguez, Seconded by Legislator Terrizzi. All were in favor.**

Re-Appointing Members to the Industrial Development Board **Motion was made by Legislator Loughran, Seconded by Legislator Sheeley. All were in favor.**

Motion to Adjourn:

**Motion was made by Legislator Sheeley, Seconded by Legislator Loughran. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.**

Submitted by: Mary L. Carey, Clerk of the Legislature  
Dec. 24, 2009