



NYC REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

September 13, 2016, 2:45 p.m.

New York Genome Center

Manhattan

2:45 – 2:50 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction

Winston Fisher, REDC Chair

2:50 – 2:55 p.m.

Remarks

Lieutenant Governor Kathy C. Hochul

2:55 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Preamble and Recusals

Winston Fisher, REDC Chair

3:00 – 3:05 p.m.

June 28 Meeting Recap and DRI

Winston Fisher, REDC Chair

3:05 – 3:10 p.m.

Scoring Committee Report

Kenneth Knuckles, Executive Committee Member and Scoring Committee Chair

3:10 – 3:15 p.m.

2016 Progress Report and Priority Projects

Kathryn Wylde, Executive Committee Member and Writing Committee Chair

3:15 – 3:20 p.m.

Vote on 2016 CFA Scoring and Priority Projects

3:20 p.m.

Wrap-up

Lieutenant Governor Kathy C. Hochul

Winston Fisher, REDC Chair



New York City Regional Economic Development Council Meeting Summary

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: September 13th, 2016 – 2:45 pm

Location: New York Genome Center: New York, NY

Council Members Present:

Winston Fisher, NYC REDC Co-Chair and Partner, Fisher Brothers
(with representatives Brad Katz, Jay Ackerman, and Tim Roberts)
Stuart Appelbaum, President, RWDS
(represented by Zayne Abdessalam)
Wellington Chen, Executive Director, Chinatown Partnership
Cesar Claro, President & CEO, Staten Island Economic Development Corporation
(with representative Steve Grillo)
Carol Conslato, Past President, Queens Chamber of Commerce
Lisa Futterman, Consultant, Workforce Development Institute
Marcia Keizs, President, York College, CUNY
(with representative Earl Simons)
Kenneth Knuckles, President & CEO, Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone
Nick Lugo, President, New York City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
(with representative Sulma Arzu Brown)
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(represented by Sulma Arzu Brown)
Carlo Scissura, President & CEO, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
(represented by Varun Sanyal)
Douglas Steiner, Chairman, Steiner Studios
Kathryn Wylde, President & CEO, Partnership for NYC
(with representatives Merrill Pond and Caitlin Lucchino)
Kinda Younes, Executive Director, ITAC

Ex-Officio Council Members and Representatives:

James Katz (representing Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen)
Jerry Kassar (representing State Senator Martin Golden)
Melva Miller, Sharon Anderson, and Niti Suchdeve (representing Queens Borough
President Melinda Katz)
Raymond Sanchez and Victoria Reing (representing Bronx Borough President Rubin Diaz)



Matthew Washington (representing Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer)

Lashay Young (representing Staten Island Borough President James Oddo)

State Agency Staff:

ESD:

Joseph Tazewell, Regional Director

Samantha Adolphe

Karan Chachlani

Andrew Fletcher

Ashley McCloskey

Ingrid Nathan

Alexia Nazarian

Lauren Racusin

Ester Rim

Brian Teubner

State Agency Resource Team:

Dwight Brown, Environmental Facilities Corporation

Sandra Dixon, NYS Port Authority

Merrill Hesck, Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

Steve Ridler, Department of State

Ehle Shachter, Department of Agriculture and Markets

Public:

Nancy Shannon, National Museum of the American Indian

Time Adjourned: 3:30 pm

Welcome and Remarks:

I. Welcome and Introduction

Winston Fisher welcomed the public to New York Genome Center. Mr. Fisher thanked Dr. Robert Darnell, Founding Director and CEO of the NYGC, for hosting the meeting.

II. Call to Order: Meeting Preamble and Recusals

- ☒ Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.
- ☒ No conflicts noted.
- ☒ The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

III. Recap of June 28th REDC Meeting and the DRI

Mr. Fisher gave a recap of the REDC Meeting and Public Forum that took place on June 28th, 2016 at the Borough of Manhattan Community College. At this meeting, the Council discussed Global NY, strategies to strengthen Workforce Development, the proposed Regional Cluster Plan, and the development of the 2016 Progress Report. The Council also held a Public Forum at this meeting, where 22 individuals from various organizations and businesses presented their Priority Projects for the Council's consideration.

Mr. Fisher also provided an overview of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). On August 17th, the Governor announced that Jamaica, Queens would be receiving \$10 million under this DRI, for which a total of nine proposals were received from the five Borough Presidents' offices – two from each borough (the Bronx chose to submit only one application). This initiative will build on Jamaica existing public and private investments and maximize community assets, in order to transform Jamaica into an affordable, livable, and sustainable mixed-use community for residents, workers, and visitors.

Reports/Discussions/Motions:

I. Scoring Committee Report by Kenneth Knuckles

Mr. Fisher then introduced Kenneth Knuckles, Executive Committee Member and Scoring Committee Chair. Mr. Knuckles first thanked the rest of the 2016 Scoring Committee – Stuart Appelbaum, Carol Conslato, Marlene Cintron, Marcel Van Ooyen, Nick Lugo, Wellington Chen, Lisa Futterman, Cesar Claro and Marcia Keizs, for their work, and then began to give an overview of the CFA scoring process. He described how points (on a scale of 0-20, in increments of 5) were allocated to each of 257 CFAs in accordance with how well a CFA met particular statewide "Endorsement Standards" and implemented the Regional Council's Strategic Plan. After all scoring was completed, the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Scoring Committee, developed a recommended List of 2016 Priority Projects (listed in the Draft 2016 Progress Report). These projects received a score of 20 points. Lastly, Mr. Knuckles summarized that the Regional Council's score would account for 20% of each CFA's total review, while the other 80% would be comprised of due diligence and technical review conducted by the State agencies.

II. Remarks by Kathy Wylde on the 2016 Progress Report and Priority Projects

Mr. Fisher then introduced Kathy Wylde, Executive Committee Member and Writing Committee Chair. Ms. Wylde gave an overview of the Draft 2016 Progress Report, a strategic report that the Council is annually asked to produce in order to assess the

health of the regional economy and the progress made on past and present Priority Projects. She discussed the efforts of the Council to include new and diverse projects, including workforce development projects that need space to further their activity. However, REDC could only award 100% of the requests in very few cases. Outside of the ESD Grant, awards were made for the Excelsior program. There are typically 20 or so Excelsior projects a year, but most are time-sensitive and fall outside the CFA. The REDC also recommended incubators and applications for Market New York. She also mentioned Jamaica as the Downtown Revitalization Initiative winner for New York City.

Matthew Washington from the Manhattan Borough President's office inquired about the procedure for following-up with businesses and organizations that will not get priority score from the Council. Joseph Tazewell, NYC Regional Director, responded that additional projects may in fact be funded since ESD Staff will also score the projects. Winston Fisher added that Council members are required to conduct outreach and follow up with applicants on how they can improve their application. He suggested hosting an informational session for those who will not receive any funding. Ashley McCloskey also mentioned that applicants can request a debrief session with the agency that scored their project. The Council will collectively design a more comprehensive strategy on this matter.

III. Motion to Vote on 2016 CFA Scoring

First, Mr. Fisher entertained a motion to approve the Recommended Scores of the 257 Round VI CFAs. All REDC and Ex-Officio members adopted the recommended scores by acclamation.

IV. Motion to Vote on 2016 Priority Projects

Next, Mr. Fisher entertained a motion to approve the List of 2016 Priority Projects and their Recommended Funding Amounts. All REDC and Ex-Officio members adopted the List of 2016 Priority Projects and their Recommended Funding Amounts by acclamation.

V. Wrap-up

Before adjourning the meeting, Mr. Fisher thanked all Council members, Work Group members, and Council staff for all of their hard work and time in the REDC Initiative this year.

Mr. Fisher adjourned the Public Session of the meeting.