

Long Island Regional Economic Development Council Meeting Notes
April 9, 2013
Bank of America Building
Melville, NY

Meeting began at 3:10 pm. Regional Council members, Work Group Co-chairs and state agency staff seated at table and in first rows were:

Council Members and presenters:

Joe Cabral (WG and ED WG Co Chair)
Tom Croci, Supervisor, Town of Islip
John Durso
Pat Edwards
Tracey Edwards
Doon Gibbs
Jon Kaiman, Supervisor, North Hempstead
Hubert Keen (WF & Ed WG Co-Chair)
Kevin Law, RC Co Chair
Andrea Lohneiss, Exec Dir, Regional Council
and Regional Director, ESD

Jack Martins, NYS Senator
Nancy Melius (Path Thru History WG)
Jim Morgo (Infrastructure WG Co Chair)
Bel Pandanganan (Nat. Assets WG Co-Chair)
Stuart Rabinowitz, RC Co Chair
Paulette Satur
Steve Savage (Innovation WG Co-Chair)
Anne Shybunko-Moore
Bill Wahlig

NEW YORK STATE State Agency Staff

Dwight Brown (New York State EFC)
Joe Calderone (MTA)
Tracy Christian (New York State Parks)
Tom DeJesu (NYPA)
Jamie Ethier (New York State DOS)
Barry Greenspan (New York State ESD)
Sharon Griffith (New York State Energy
Research and Dev Authority)
Mark Grossman (New York State DOL)
Traci Holmberg (New York State DOL)
Scott Martella (Gov. Suffolk County Rep.)
Glenn Murrell (New York State DOT)

Shital Patel (New York State DOL)
Tim Pezzolesi (New York State Ag and Mkts)
Aida Reyes (New York State ESD)
Steve Ridler (New York State DOS)
Peter Scully (New York State DEC)
Brian Teubner (New York State ESD)
Jonnie Urquart (New York State DOL)
Greg Watson (New York State Homes and
Comm Renewal)
Denise Zani (New York State ESD)

The following agenda was distributed to all RC members:



**LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
April 9, 2013**

**Long Island Association
Bank of America Building
Lower Level Meeting Room
300 Broadhollow Road,
Melville, NY 11747**

Regular Meeting

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| 3:00 pm – 3:05 pm | Welcome – Regional Council Co Chairs Stu Rabinowitz and Kevin Law |
| 3:05 pm – 3:15 pm | Report on LG Robert Duffy’s Regional Council Leadership Workgroup meeting |
| 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm | State Agency Resource Team Introductions and Briefings |
| 3:45 pm – 4:15 pm | Presentation of the Cleaner Greener Sustainability Program and Long Island Cleaner Greener Sustainability Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Lindsay Robbins, Project Manager, NYSERDA➤ Jon Kaiman, Supervisor, Town of North Hempstead<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q & A session with Diane Dale, Technical Consultant, AECOM and Rosemary Olsen, Director, Green Initiatives, CDCLI <p>Questions from regional council members and work group members.</p> |
| 4:15 pm – 4:45 pm | Reports from Work Group co chairs |

- Innovation – Samuel Stanley/Steve Savage
- Natural Assets – Belinda Pagdanganan
- Infrastructure – Jim Morgo
- Workforce and Education – Hubert Keen
- Path Thru History – Nancy Melius

4:45 pm – 5:00 pm Public comment if time permits

Path Thru History Work Group will hold a public hearing on April 24 from 3-5 pm at the Holiday Inn Express on Rt 347 to receive comments on the draft PTH plan for Long Island. The draft plan will be shared with all Regional Council members prior to the May 9 meeting at which our endorsement is required.

The next RC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 3 pm at Hofstra. Action on the Cleaner Greener Communities Sustainability Plan and on the Path Thru History Plan will be taken on that date.

Meeting information is posted on the RC website <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/long-island>

Co Chair Rabinowitz welcomed the group which included approximately 100 public attendees.

Co-Chair Kevin Law summarized the results of the Round Two Regional Council competition and noted an anticipated Round Three which could include \$700-800 Million in potential New York State funding, noting that the Consolidated Funding Application and rules and regs have not yet been announced. Kevin Law, Andrea Lohneiss and Marianne Garvin attended a meeting on April 5 week in Rochester hosted by Lieutenant Robert Duffy at which some details were discussed. Kevin outlined the Empire State Development Incubator and Hot spot competitive process which could award up to \$1.250 M to each of five regions in 2013 and another five regions in 2014. These designated “hot spots” could be exempt from many New York State and local taxes, they are designed to spur new tech businesses and need to be aligned with a university and an incubator that has been in existence for a minimum of three years. There could be an additional statewide \$50M venture capital fund to support these startups. Kevin also discussed the “Next Gen” job linkage program. (note: rules and regs have not been announced on these programs). Kevin discussed the new requirement of all Regional Councils to include a new workgroup called “Opportunity Agenda” to identify a specific distressed area in each region and propose strategies and projects designed to improve the area in a more holistic manner.

Kevin requested a motion to create a new Opportunity Agenda Work Group. Tracey Edwards made a motion and Joe Cabral seconded. Pat Edwards noted her interest in working on this workgroup. Andrea Lohneiss asked for all interested Regional Council members to contact her and she would provide additional information and make available information regarding a webinar on the subject next week.

Kevin continued with his de-brief from the Rochester meeting and discussed the Cleaner Greener program, which will be the subject of a presentation later in the meeting, and the New York Works Infrastructure Task Force. He introduced Daniel Petroff from NYWorks who made brief comments on the program to link an overhaul in New York State infrastructure spending with Regional Council strategies. He discussed the first New York State Capital Plan covering 47 State agencies and a potential \$21B in capital spending.

Co-Chair Stuart Rabinowitz outlined the Consolidated Funding Application and competition and noted that the council is familiar with Empire State Development programs and scoring criteria because Empire State Development staff are integral to Regional Council but there is a sense that the council is not as familiar with other New York State agency resources/personnel and project selection and scoring through the Consolidated Funding Application. Stuart noted that some of our projects that were ranked very highly by council were not funded while others that ranked lower by the council were funded. In preparation for a third round, Stuart suggested that members become more familiar with the priorities of other agencies and the SART (State Agency Resource Team).

Steve Ridler, Chief Planner with the Department of State in Albany, made a presentation on the SART and noted how we might better utilize their expertise. He introduced the SART members and asked each to give a very brief summary as to how they can help advance our plan and projects.

Mark Grossman, Commissioners Rep with New York State Department Of Labor handles workforce and training issues. He noted he will be taking on a new role as Director of New York State Office of Disaster Recovery and Accountability on Long Island and introduced his replacement, Tracie Holmberg, who was formerly with U.S Congressman Steve Israel. Tracie will take over Mark's role with council as Deputy Exec Director.

Peter Scully, Regional Director, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and a member of the Natural Assets work group, discussed his role in advancing projects and strategies.

Glenn Morrell, Acting Planning Manager with New York State Department of Transportation and a member of the Infrastructure work group, noted involvement in Wyandanch Rising, and all New York State highway projects.

Dwight Brown with New York State Environmental Facilities Corp is a member of the Infrastructure and Natural Assets work groups. Dwight noted that EFC's green innovation grant program was included in CFA Round two and mentioned funded projects in Greenport and Patchogue.

Sharon Griffith, an Economic Development Project Mgr with NYSERDA noted their funding and support for the Cleaner Greener program, Round 2 greenhouse gas initiative programs and

potential for up to \$30m in Round 3 funding for Cleaner Greener projects that advance the region's sustainability plan.

Greg Watson, Assistant Commissioner, HCR, is a member of the Infrastructure and Natural Assets work groups. Greg discussed the HCR programs that were included in the CFA Rounds 1 and 2, as well as funding programs outside the CFA, specifically investments in Wyandanch Rising and Wincoram.

Tim Pezzolesi with New York State Ag and Mkts, is a member of the Natural Assets work group and noted in Round 2 the agency received 54 statewide applications and funded 17.

Steve Ridler noted other agencies were present as well including Parks, Empire State Development, LIRR and NYPA and their roles are to support council's activities.

Kevin Law then introduced Lindsay Robbins of NYSERDA to discuss the Cleaner Greener LI Sustainability draft plan. Phase one was funded by an \$850,000 Regional Council award for the development of the plan and the next phase in Round 3 will provide funding (as much as \$30M statewide) to support projects that advance the plan. New York State is the first to develop comprehensive regional sustainability plans in a process that includes robust stakeholder input and measurable results.

North Hempstead Supervisor Jon Kaiman then presented a 20 minute slide presentation outlining the draft Long Island plan which can be viewed at: [13_04_01_CGLI_Plan_Draft_Report.pdf](#)

Note: This is a draft plan as of 4/1/13 and does not include comments received from New York State Energy Research and Development Agency or the Regional Economic Development Council and its working groups.

Supervisor Kaiman noted the collaborative effort which utilized many prior planning documents and incorporated input from 800 people from various organizations.

Kevin and Stuart asked that the Natural Assets and Infrastructure work groups review the plan and provide immediate input to Rosemary Olsen of CDCLI. A vote to endorse/reject will be held at the May 9th Regional Council meeting. It was noted that Dr. Doon Gibbs, Director of Brookhaven National Laboratory, has already provided input based on the presentation made at Innovation work group.

Lindsay Robbins clarified the timing required for the council's endorsement of this plan.

Each of the work group co-chairs were then asked to report on their progress. Each had met for the first time in anticipation of Round 3.

Stephen Savage, Co –chair of the Innovation work group, noted that the April 1 meeting included presentations from Accelerate Long Island and Cleaner Greener Sustainability Plan

team. The Innovation work group also evaluated other New York State winning regions and concluded their projects may have been “bolder” and awards larger. Noting that Long Island made equally large funding *requests*, Stuart Rabinowitz noted he does not feel that Steve’s expressed rationale is true as a reason for the region not winning the additional \$25M. Stephen described an action plan related to the proposed Innovation Hot Spot and Incubator competition. The Innovation work group felt a collaborative partnership approach would ensure a strong proposal and Yacov Shamash of SBU and Stephen Savage will lead this effort.

Yacov Shamash noted an interest in developing a proposal that supports the geographic and industry strengths of Long Island and had been reaching out to many organizations that could bring their strengths to this effort. Kevin Law cautioned that, based on his meeting in Rochester, he was not certain a partnership encompassing multiple incubator locations would be allowable and we may need to align this with one University or Incubator that in existence for at least three years. That does not, however, preclude the importance of a collaborative effort.

Bel Pandanganan, co chair of the Natural Assets work group, outlined the discussions of the work group and how they have reviewed Round 1 and 2 projects and offered guidance on developing strong Round 3 projects.

Jim Morgo, co chair of Infrastructure work group, noted that 25 participants discussed Round 3 projects and they are casting a wide net for priority/transformational and Consolidated Funding Application projects. They suggested developing a one page brochure to market the process and emails to do same. John Durso and Roger Clayman outlined an apprenticeship program to be sure good jobs are available to the communities in which our infrastructure projects are located.

Dr. Hubert Keen, co chair of workforce and education, outlined his group’s discussions in looking at gaps in funding and skill levels and the need to support projects assisting individuals who may not pursue STEM or four year degrees.

Nancy Melius, representing the Path Thru History work group, presented a slide presentation on that group’s efforts to promote LI tourism and particularly heritage tourism and promote a Long Island branding effort. The Path Thru History work group was established at the request of Governor Cuomo in early 2012 and is completing its Plan and project request for submission in early May.

Stuart noted that the full council will be provided with the Path Thru History draft report prior to the May 9 meeting at which the full council will consider endorsement.

Kevin noted that the next meeting is at 3:00 pm on May 9th at Hofstra University. Meeting concluded at 5:20 pm