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**LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA  
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
June 25, 2013  
Farmingdale State College  
Campus Center Ballroom  
2350 Broadhollow Road, Melville, NY 11735**

Regular Meeting

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| <b>3:00 pm – 3:10 pm</b> | <b>Welcome – Co Chair Rabinowitz</b><br>Introduction of Dr. Hubert Keen, President, Farmingdale State College   |
| <b>3:10 pm – 3:30 pm</b> | <b>Report on Regional Councils - Round 3, Start-UP NY, and other economic development initiatives from the 2013 Legislative Session</b><br>Andrew Kennedy, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development<br><b>Report on June 3 Tax Free NY event – Co Chair Law</b><br><b>Report on May 15 Round 3 Rollout - Co Chair Rabinowitz</b>  |
| <b>3:30 pm – 3:45 pm</b> | <b>Presentation on Round 3 Incubator and Innovation Hot Spots programs</b><br>Ed Reinfurt, Director, NYSTAR   |
| <b>3:45 pm – 4:00 pm</b> | <b>Overview of the NY Works Task Force, 10-year Statewide Capital Plan and role in accelerating economic development</b><br>Michael Perrin, NY Works Task Force   |
| <b>4:00 pm – 4:15 pm</b> | <b>Report on Long Beach Post Sandy Recovery Efforts</b><br>Jack Schnirman, City Manager   |
| <b>4:15 pm – 4:50 pm</b> | <b>Reports from Work Groups</b><br><b>Community Reconstruction Zones - Jim Morgo</b><br><b>CEDS (Community Economic Development Strategy)- Jim Morgo</b><br><b>Infrastructure - Jim Morgo</b><br><b>Innovation and Industry Clusters -Sam Stanley</b><br><b>Opportunity Agenda - Pat Edwards</b><br><b>Workforce &amp; Education - Hubert Keen</b><br><b>Natural Assets - Peter Scully</b><br><b>Path Through History – Brian Foley</b> |
| <b>4:50 pm - 5:00pm</b>  | <b>Questions or Comments</b>  |
| <b>5:00 pm</b>           | <b>Adjourn</b>  |

*The next meeting of the LIREDC will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at the Long Island Association, Bank of America Building, Lower Level Meeting Room, 300 Broadhollow Road, Melville, NY 11747. Please check the LIREDC page at <http://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/content/long-island> for updates.*

Co chair Stuart Rabinowitz opened meeting at 3:10 thanking Dr. Hubert Keen for hosting today's meeting in Farmingdale State College's new student center ballroom.

Dr. Keen welcomed all with comments about Farmingdale State College which offers some 28 Bachelor degree programs and has greatly evolved from its early roots as a two year tech college.

Andrew Kennedy was introduced by Stuart as the NYS Executive Chamber's Assistant Secretary for Economic Development. Andrew used a power point highlighting accomplishments from rounds one and two. A busy legislative session was noted with many programs and bills aimed at improving the NYS business climate. Round Three of the Regional Council initiative has \$760M in funding from 13 state agencies and, like in Round One, each of the 10 regions will compete directly against each other for "best plan". Between Rounds 1 and 2, over 1,400 projects have been awarded funds. The key for Round Three will be for LI to show performance. Round Three opened on June 17 and closes on August 12 with the submission of LI's plan in late September. Announcements are expected in late fall of 2013. Scoring was discussed.

New this year is the Opportunity Agenda which is aimed at linking jobs with distressed communities. Andrew noted Innovation Hot Spots and Incubator initiative in Round Three and important linkages to NYS universities. Tax Free NY, renamed Start Up NY in its final iteration, was passed this legislative session with the focus downstate on high technology business growth. It was noted that private colleges can allocate up to 75,000 s.f. of space for the tax free areas. An additional 20 NYS-owned strategic properties can be included with the ESD Commissioner's approval. SUNY space must be on campus with potential off-site areas of up to 200,000 s.f. with ESD approval and a three member board will oversee program which will have very tight controls to avoid fraud.

Mr. Kennedy also described some legislative changes to ESD's Excelsior Jobs Program which were based upon statewide feedback. Changes relate to clarifying credit reductions if companies fail to meet job creation and reducing the net new jobs requirement in several eligibility categories.

Dr. Stanley, Stony Brook University President and co chair of the Innovation Work Group, noted that he recently spoke at an Association of College Presidents about Tax Free NY and the group was quite impressed with the program's ability to attract new companies to NYS. Kevin Law noted that at a conference at SUNY Albany Nano Center he heard speakers from North Carolina's Research Triangle compare the program favorably to their decades-long efforts to attract technology firms.

Stuart Rabinowitz thanked the Governor and especially LI's Senate delegation for helping to include LI's private colleges and Universities in the new bill and, although their participation is at a lesser level, they are enthused to be a part of Start-Up NY. Stuart noted his May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting in Albany to present to Gov and Sr. Staff the LI plan for Round Three and how there is a real misconception that LI has little poverty. Stuart noted the very significant pockets of

poverty and how our plan will deal with that important issue in this region. His presentation also highlighted several key Round One and Two projects. Stuart showed a 45-second video highlighting LI's achievements. The video was developed on short notice by Melissa Connelly of Hofstra.

Kevin acknowledged Greenport Mayor David Nyce, Suffolk Legislator Jay Schneiderman and Assemblyman Sweeney's representative Denise Kretz.

Kevin introduced Ed Reinfurt of ESD's Science and Technology Foundation to speak on the new Incubator and Hot Spot programs. Ed described the program that will award \$125,000 a year to a NYS designated incubator that will use the funds to expand programs. The NYS designation will be awarded to a regional incubator that has been in existence for at least three years and demonstrates "best practices" in providing tech dev programs. An additional \$275,000 annually will be awarded to five Hot Spots that may offer generous NYS tax benefits to tenant tech companies. An entity may apply as the lead and incorporate other tech development sites. Ed introduced Michael Ridley on his staff if anyone had questions.

Stuart asked if partnership applications for incubator and Hot spots would be viewed favorably and Ed said yes. Ed also commented on the new state \$50M fund called Innovation Venture Capital Fund.

Mike Perrin of the NY Works Task Force was introduced by Kevin. The NY Works Task Force was established to better align NYS spending on major infrastructure projects and to grow the NYS economy. Details on the plan are available at [www.nyworkstaskforce.ny.gov](http://www.nyworkstaskforce.ny.gov) Brian Foley of NYS Parks commented on how important those funds are to support parks. It was noted that John Cameron from LI is a member of the task force.

Kevin introduced Long Beach Supervisor Jack Schnirman who outlined the city's plan to rebuild after super storm Sandy. Their nine point plan deals with infrastructure hardening on both ocean and bayside. They have issued over 852 building permits. It was estimated that over 10% of housing stock severely damaged and 20% of homeowners are not back in homes.

Stuart asked each work group co-chair to report on the progress of their group.

Jim Morgo outlined infrastructure group meeting and Community Reconstruction Zones (CRZ). There will be 20 LI CRZs. Jim spoke on the CEDS effort (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) approved by EDA and how that could make available federal funds for key projects. Several infrastructure projects mentioned include Smithtown Sewers, Brookhaven Rail, Glen Cove Ferry, Islip people mover and Epcal Indoor Skydive.

Dr. Sam Stanley noted that an Innovation workgroup meeting was held and applications expected include Cold Spring Harbor Labs facility for drug discovery, Southampton Clean water project, Peconic Acute Care facility, SBU Supercomputer, a group project to support advanced

manufacturing, NYIT's Microgrid project and an SBIR matching grant program for lab equipment.

Pat Edwards spoke about the Opportunity Agenda work group which has met three times and, in addition, hosted a meeting on June 20 at the Wyandanch community center with community residents to present the Opportunity Agenda initiative and discuss ideas for linking unemployed residents with job opportunities in the Wyandanch community.

Hubert Keen outlined the workforce and education work group effort including a pilot effort aimed at the Opportunity Agenda and a St. Joseph College project for hospitality industry training. This workgroup met multiple times and has a sub group examining advanced manufacturing training. It was noted that the regulation limiting funds to capital costs severely constrains the progress of the work group because their focus is human capital and not bricks and mortar. Hubert asked work group co-chair Shaun McKay if he had anything to add on workforce and education. Mr. McKay asked Suffolk County Legislator Jay Schneiderman to outline a project aimed at revitalizing the Southampton community of Riverside located across the Peconic River from downtown Riverhead. Mr. Schneiderman then used a power point to speak briefly about a river walk project.

Peter Scully of DEC (staff liaison to Natural Assets) succinctly outlined his groups' work and noted potential projects could include a Greenport Eco Energy Park, an organic poultry processing project, a commercial fisheries ice-making project, and a twin trawler project on the east end.

Brian Foley outlined the Path Through History work group's activities noting ESD will consider a \$100,000 funding request at this week's ESD board meeting. It was noted that any historic asset who wants to be included in the regional list of heritage assets should contact Brian Teubner at ESD (631-435-0717). Work group potential projects include St. Joseph College hospitality training project and East End Arts Winter fest.

Kevin Law announced the next meeting scheduled for August 13 may be changed and all will be notified. Kevin also acknowledged that co-chair Stuart Rabinowitz will be honored by the Long Island Press and inducted into their Hall of Fame.

Kevin asked if there were any comments from the public. There were no additional comments made by public attendees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm