

**Long Island Regional Council Meeting Notes
June 20, 2012
Stony Brook University**

Distributed agenda:

**LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
June 20, 2012**

Stony Brook University
Center for Global Studies & Human Development
400 Circle Road, 2nd floor Multipurpose Room
Stony Brook, NY 11790-3404

Regular Meeting - open to the Public

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| 10:00 – 10:10 a.m. | Welcome and Opening Remarks Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy Host: Dr. Sam Stanley, President of Stony Brook University Council Co Chairs Stu Rabinowitz and Kevin Law |
| 10:10 – 10:20 a.m. | Overview of Round One Project Status Andrea Lohneiss, Executive Director |
| 10:20 – 11:00 a.m. | Featured Round One Project Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ronkonkoma Hub – Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Mark Lesko, Islip Town Supervisor Tom Croci○ Thought Box– Mark Fasciano, President, Canrock Ventures |
| 11:00 – 11:40 a.m. | Work Group Initiatives Update Des Ryan , co chair - Infrastructure Dr. Sam Stanley, co chair - Innovation Bel Pagdanganan, co chair - Natural Assets Joe Cabral , co chair - Workforce and Education Marianne Garvin, co chair – Writers Pearl Kamer – economist, data analysis |
| 11:40 am – 11:55 a.m. | Megan Daly Report on Interagency Work plan |
| 11: 55 am – 12:00 p.m. | Next Steps/Wrap-Up/Concluding Remarks |
| 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. | Public forum |

Seated at center table were Regional Council members, work group chairs and staff:

Council members present:

Lt. Governor Robert Duffy (Regional Council Chair)

Stuart Rabinowitz (Co-Chair)

Kevin Law (Co-Chair)

Andrea Lohneiss, ESD Reg. Director and Regional Council Exec. Director

John Durso

Paulette Satur

Belinda Pagdanganan

Bill Wahlig

Desmond Ryan

Dr. Sam Stanley

Marianne Garvin

Supv. Mark Lesko

Supv. Tom Croci

Joe Cabral

Dr. Sam Aronson

Rupert Hopkins

Pat Edwards

Anne Shybunko-Moore

Guests and staff:

Megan Daly, ESD/Exec. Chamber Ass't Director of Regional Councils

Joseph Chan, Exec. VP of Empire State Development

Steve Ridler (NYS DOS)

Jamie Ethier (NYS DOS)

Pearl Kamer, LIA Economist and member of writers group

James Morgo, Infrastructure work group member

Carrie Meek-Gallagher, Natural Assets work group member

Meeting was called to order by Lt. Governor Robert Duffy at 10:10 am. It was open to the public with an estimated 150 public participants. Lt. Gov asked to amend the agenda order by allowing a representative of a Syosset civic association to speak first thus allowing their large contingent of representatives to exit early due to extreme heat expected later in afternoon. (Public hearing was scheduled on agenda from 12:00 to 12:30 pm)

Howard Avrutine, an attorney for Syosset civic association and member of the anti-mall Cerro Wire Coalition was recognized as a speaker. His request is that the listing of the "Mall at Oyster Bay" aka Taubman Mall be rescinded as a regionally significant project in the LI Regional Strategic plan noting that his group felt it was an attempt to circumvent the local planning

process. In addition, Mr. Avrutine believes that the loss of major anchor tenants Barneys New York and Neiman Marcus render the project non-transformative. As an alternative, he is proposing, on behalf of his clients, a scaled-down, mixed-use project including office/retail and residential that would incorporate smart growth concepts and be supported by local communities.

The Lt. Gov thanked Mr. Avrutine and the sizable contingent of community members. No other speakers wishing to be heard, the group, estimated at 80, left the room in an orderly fashion and the Regional Council returned to its printed agenda.

Dr. Sam Stanley welcomed the Regional Council back to Stony Brook University and showed a 10 minute video about SBU and its significant accomplishments. Dr. Stanley highlighted the recent accomplishments of the SBU Seawolves baseball team which received audience applause.

Lt.Gov acknowledged Megan Daly and the NYS Agency Resource Team (SART) for working to help the LI RC advance projects and strategies. The SART team meeting preceded the RC meeting.

Stuart Rabinowitz noted the significant work that has been accomplished since the May 3 re-opening of the CFA including two other CFA workshops, a public hearing and many work group meetings to track project progress, measure performance and create a pipeline of Round 2 projects. He noted the next CFA deadline of July 16 and reiterated that all applicants, including transformative project submissions must file a CFA by July 16. It was noted that Andrea Lohneiss and staff are keeping projects on track.

Kevin Law acknowledged Supervisors Croci, Lesko and newly appointed Suffolk County IDA Executive Director Anthony Manetta.

Andrea Lohneiss discussed the major project tracking effort underway since last year involving some 90+ LI projects. She described by state agency the status of all projects that are in contract, pending or have been declined by applicant. Andrea discussed project performance measurements and a more strict interpretation of actual jobs created by projects as well as a clearer definition of overall project development cost verses the element of a project (sewer or water) that the RC is being asked to fund. The RC will look closely at project readiness and the work groups are asked to look at performance measurements for Round One projects and how we can continue to implement Round One strategies. The RC will be looking closely at leveraging of RC funding by other funds.

Kevin noted that at the last Regional Council meeting (May 2, 2012) two Round One project sponsors made presentations. Kevin also noted how interesting and rewarding it was last

Friday, 6/15/12, to join Kenneth Adams at the sites of two Round One projects to see how their projects are underway and have progressed. It was noted that these projects, like the Regional Council vision statement, symbolize LI's heritage (Bay Scallops) and its innovation-based future (Amneal Pharmaceuticals).

The Ronkonkoma HUB project was introduced as a truly collaborative regional project that received funding in Round One.

Supervisors Lesko and Croci made a 15-minute presentation on the Ronkonkoma HUB project.

- Noted County Exec Bellone's key role
- Brookhaven selected Tritec as master developer
- State/Regional Council \$4M award for sewer element of project
- Project still needs major infrastructure investment
- Estimate potential 12,000 direct and indirect jobs
- Islip side of project involves 150 acres near McArthur Airport
- Potential FAA Tracon project that could retain/create 800 high wage jobs
- Discussion on need for light rail people mover from Airport to HUB

Mark Fasciano then made a 10-minute presentation on the Thought Box project.

- Noted as an important "incremental development" project for Hicksville
- Re-use of existing empty building
- Looking at two potential buildings- one 410,000 s.f., other 120,000 s.f.
- Object to create an cluster of IT firms attracting new venture capital
- Nassau IDA and Town of Oyster Bay supportive
- MTA making important commitment to \$200 million re-hab of Hicksville LIRR station
- Mark's company (Canrock Ventures) made \$12 million in venture cap investments in last 2 years
- Canrock was also awarded \$4.5 million in ESD Venture funds from the "Innovate NY program"
- Mark hopes to be in contract on selected building within 2 months

Stuart Rabinowitz then asked each work group co-chair to report out on committee work.

Des Ryan co-chairs the infrastructure work group and discussed the work of his committee reviewing potential transformative projects, future scheduled meetings etc,. Co-chair Jim Morgo discussed his group's evaluation of Round One projects and noted importance of Ronkonkoma HUB.

Dr. Sam Stanley co-chairs the Innovation and Industry cluster work group and discussed his two well-attended work group meetings, reviewing Round One projects and Round Two potential projects, the importance of leveraging other funds and how his Work Group solicited for and made suggestions on potential Round Two transformative projects.

Bel Pagdanganan co-chairs the Natural Assets work group and discussed AgriPark and Scallops projects, the establishment of sub-work groups dealing with agri-tourism and fisheries development. Carrie Gallagher, Co-chair, talked about key projects being considered.

Joe Cabral co-chairs the Workforce and Education work group and discussed several meetings of this WG. He described a North Shore-LIJ project to re-train nurses in Healthcare IT to support the many medical practices at the healthcare system. That project received \$80,000 in Regional Council funding. The Farmingdale STEM HUB project, funded in Round One, was also discussed.

Marianne Garvin co-chairs the Writers' work group and discussed her group's efforts to measure performance of every Round One project and to create narrative descriptions that depict project progress, performance, obstacles and measurable results. That group will also modify strategies if needed and add new strategies identified by the work groups. She also discussed the state agency resource team effort and noted ESD Regional Office efforts to support her group's voluminous data needs.

Pearl Kamer, Chief Economist for the Long Island Association, discussed her work on the writers' group to take the project data from ESD and develop an economic model using a U.S Dept of Commerce analysis tool. ESD will collect jobs created, capital invested and training performed from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 and then projected jobs for years 2 to 5. That analysis will also estimate secondary job creation and will be part of the Regional Council's September Progress Report.

Stuart acknowledged the hard work of the Council members and then asked Megan Daly to comment on the state agency resources team work. Megan discussed the Regional Council Guidebook distributed to all members, the intensive project tracking initiative involving every state agency and over 765 statewide projects. The state agency resource team is working to help advance every project in the LI Plan and had met early in the morning.

Kevin Law again thanked members and noted the next meeting is September 12 and there is an Executive Committee meeting next week to begin evaluating the transformative projects submitted. He asked that work groups continue to meet to evaluate performance measurements and report to the writers.

Regional Council meeting adjourned at 11:40 am and followed by a public forum. Kevin requested that anyone interested in addressing the council go to the podium and identify themselves and their organization.

Ken White of Brookhaven National Labs noted his appreciation for Regional Council/NYS support for his STEM HUB project and invited anyone to come to BNL to see his program.

Brandon Palanker representing Renaissance Downtowns spoke about his project involving design and sewer improvements in the Village of Hempstead to facilitate a major mixed use redevelopment project. He described a community benefits agreement being negotiated to assure that jobs are provided to Village residents and estimated that 5,000 jobs could be created.

The Lt. Governor introduced Joe Chan, Sr. VP of ESD and suggested if people have projects they wish to discuss they can speak with Joe or the LG directly. Lt. Gov noted that if a project involves multi- NYS regions his involvement would be limited as not to interfere. Lt. Gov noted Governor is very impressed with what this council has accomplished under Stu, Kevin and Andrea's leadership. Regional Council meeting was adjourned at 12 noon with the CFA workshop to commence at 1 pm.