

## **NYC REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

**Sept. 16, 2015, 2 p.m.**

**New York Genome Center**

**Manhattan**

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| <b>2:30 – 2:35 p.m.</b>                  | <b>Welcome and Introduction</b><br>Winston Fisher, REDC Chair  |
| <b>2:35 – 2:45 p.m.</b>                  | <b>July 21 Meeting Recap and SIAT Presentation</b><br>Winston Fisher, REDC Chair                               |
| <b>2:45 – 2:55 p.m.</b>                  | <b>Scoring Committee Report</b><br>Kenneth Knuckles, Executive Committee Member and Scoring<br>Committee Chair |
| <b>2:55 – 3:05 p.m.</b>                  | <b>Draft 2015 Progress Report</b><br>Kathy Wylde, Executive Committee Member and Writing Committee<br>Chair    |
| <b>3:05 – 3:10 p.m.</b><br><b>Report</b> | <b>Vote on 2015 CFA Scoring and the Draft 2015 Progress</b>  |
| <b>3:10 – 3:15 p.m.</b>                  | <b>Wrap-up</b><br>Winston Fisher, REDC Chair   |



**Meeting of the New York City Regional Economic Development Council  
Sept. 16, 2015  
New York Genome Center, Manhattan  
Summary of Public Meeting**

Attendees

Regional Council Members & Representatives:

Stuart Appelbaum, President, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union with Zayne Abdessalam  
Cesar Claro, President & CEO, Staten Island Economic Development Corporation with Alex Porto  
Carol Conslato, President, Queens Chamber of Commerce  
Winston Fisher, Partner, Fisher Brothers with Joe Ferris & Justin Lapatine  
Marcia Keizs, York College/CUNY  
Kenneth J. Knuckles, President & CEO, Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone (UMEZ)  
Douglas C. Steiner, Steiner Studios  
Peter Ward, Hotels & Motels Trade Council rep. by John Tritt  
Kathryn Wylde, President and CEO, Partnership for NYC with Brook Jackson

Elected Officials and Representatives (City)

Jason Razefsky & Lashay Young, representing Hon. James Oddo, Staten Island Borough President  
Raymond Sanchez, representing Hon. Ruben Diaz Jr., Bronx Borough President  
Diana Reyna, representing Hon. Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough President  
James Caras, representing Hon. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President  
Melva Miller representing Hon. Melinda Katz, Queens Borough President  
Michael Moynihan representing Hon. Alicia Green, City Hall - NYC Mayor

Elected Officials and Representatives (State)

Jerry Kassar, representing Hon. Martin Golden, New York State Assembly

ESDC

John Gilstrap, ESDC  
Maria Michalos, ESDC  
Joseph Tazewell, ESDC  
Andrew Fletcher, ESDC  
Lauren Racusin, ESDC  
Ingrid Nathan, ESDC  
Jennifer Rivera, ESDC  
Ansh Jain, ESDC – Intern  
Matthew LoCastro, ESDC – Intern

State Resources

Merrill Hesch, Office of Parks, Rec, HP

Charles O'Shea, NYSDOT  
Sonia Pichardo, NYSDOT  
Stephen Ridler, NYSDOS

### Public

Chris Echeverria, NYU Government Affairs  
Earl Simons, York College  
Rui Galvao, NYSBC  
Eule Jhaunk, NYSDAM  
Corine Ramen, WSJ

## **I. Welcome and Introduction**

Winston Fisher, a partner of Fisher Brothers and chair of the New York Regional Economic Development Council, opened the public meeting at the New York Genome Center.

## **II. July 21 Meeting Recap and SIAT Presentation**

Fisher noted that, at a Sept. 11, 2015 public forum at The City College of New York, representatives of 26 projects vying for priority status made presentations to council members.

He noted that on Aug. 4, 2015 members of the executive committee – Kenneth Knuckles, Carol Conslato, Stuart Appelbaum and Steve Hindy – made a presentation to the Strategic Implementation Assessment Team (SIAT) at the New York Genome Center.

The SIAT members include Secretary of State Cesar Perales; NYS Office of General Services Commissioner Roann Destito; NYS Tax and Finance Commissioner Jerry Boone; U.S. Department of Commerce Director Patrick Kirwan; and NYS Upstate Revitalization Director Rick Tobe.

The SIAT presentation included virtual tours of Shapeways, a 3-D printer with a manufacturing center in Long Island City, Queens; the New York Wheel, a proposed 630-foot-high observation wheel on the North Shore of Staten Island; and Brooklyn Brewery, which wants to build a state-of-the-art brewery on the West Shore of Staten Island.

The SIAT team members also got in-person tours of the New York Genome Center and the Urban Development Center, a partnership involving Per Scholas and Doran Jones, an IT firm, in the South Bronx. A recording of the SIAT presentation will be posted on the council's website.

## **III. Scoring Committee Report**

Kenneth Knuckles, executive committee member and scoring committee chair, said the committee finished scoring the 270 consolidated funding applications on Aug. 28, 2015. Twenty-six projects

were presented at the July 21, 2015 regional council public forum for consideration as priority projects, which receive the highest score of 20 points. From these, the executive committee, in consultation with the scoring committee, developed a list of priority projects that are in the draft project report. The regional council's endorsement accounts for 20 percent of the total review; the state agencies administering the grant programs account for 80 percent.

Fisher reminded council members that appropriate member recusals were considered during the scoring process and during the selection of priority projects.

Fisher also noted that public comment on the council's progress report on priority projects was heard at a public forum on Sept. 11, 2015 at The City College of New York.

#### **IV. Draft 2015 Progress Report**

Kathy Wylde, executive committee member and writing committee chair, reported that the region "has done very well," with 93 percent of previous years' projects moving forward in construction and development.

She said the new round of priority projects, which range from Steiner Studios' expansion to Brooklyn Brewery's plan to build a brewery on Staten Island, "are quite diverse, and we're excited if we can get the \$30 million for them."

#### **V. Vote on 2015 CFA Scoring and the Draft 2015 Progress Report**

Fisher reviewed the voting privileges for appointed members, ex-officio voting members and ex-officio non-voting members and asked for questions regarding recusals.

James Caras, representing the office of the Manhattan borough president, asked to be recused on consolidated funding application No. 56265 by the New-York Historical Society.

Fisher called for a motion to approve the Round V consolidated funding application scores, which passed unanimously.

He then asked for a motion to approve a list of priority projects and the 2015 progress report, which passed unanimously.

He then adjourned the meeting.