

Meeting started at 2:05 with welcome remarks from Lt. Governor Robert Duffy.

Regional Council members attending were:

Chairman, Lt Governor Robert Duffy

Co-Chair Stuart Rabinowitz

Co-Chair Kevin Law

Tracey Edwards

Bill Wahlig

Dr. Sam Stanley

Elaine Gross

Paulette Satur

James D'Addario

Harvey Kamil

Marianne Garvin

Mark Fasciano

Patricia Edwards

John Durso

Dr. Calvin Butts

Noreen Carro

Joe Cabral

Dr. Sam Aronson

Des Ryan

Peter Davidson of ESDC was also in attendance as was Irene Baker of the Gov's office. Neal Lewis of Molloy College's Sustainability Institute was also at the table representing our host college. Approximately 100 public participants including state agency resource staff were also in attendance.

Neal Lewis, representing the event host, Molloy College made some brief remarks about Molloy noting the college's 4,400 students had the highest graduation and student retention rates among LI colleges. College President Drew Bogner brought the Sustainability Institute to Molloy College and it was noted that Kevin Law and Mike Hervey of LIPA (in attendance) were members of the LI Clean Energy Task force.

Lt Gov welcomed all to the 5th Regional Council meeting and noted the heavy workload and great accomplishments since the August start. Peter Davidson Exec VP of ESD was introduced and the Lt. Gov noted that anyone with eco dev issues should use this opportunity to speak to Peter or Andrea. Lt. Gov noted the Regional Council program is the Governor's initiative to change NYS government and make it a bottom up approach and the goal is also to make NYS one of the most highly competitive business environments.

Kevin Law noted that at a recent meeting in NYC at which other regional council members were present it was acknowledged that all are working around the clock.

Kevin reviewed the busy schedule in the next three weeks culminating in the final plan being presented on November 14. Kevin also noted the Co-Chairs were going to discuss the need to bring come applicants in later this week to clarify their applications. The upcoming public meetings to solicit comments on the draft plan will be held on:

November 1 Public forum at Brookhaven Town hall from 6 to 8 pm

November 2 Public forum at Molloy's main campus in Rockville Centre from 1 to 3 pm

NOTE: see www.nyworks.ny.gov for details on public forums

Kevin noted that the "draft regional Council working document" will be posted on the website by Friday and he needs all comments back to Andrea Lohneiss by November 3 so the writers group can review them. Transformative project scoring is also due on that date and Kevin noted we have received 48 projects requesting a total of \$650 million in state funding. Co-Chairs noted the reality which is that council members must review, score and shorten that list to meet the state requirements.

The final LI Regional Council Strategy will be completed for comment by council members on the week of November 7 and presented to the council for a final approval at the meeting on November 10. (Note this is a new date for final meeting to be held at Hofstra from 1 to 4 pm)

Stu Rabinowitz commented on the very tight and aggressive schedule to get this all completed and noting they will be requesting Regional Council's permission to post the draft plan on the website. Council members were provided an emailed copy of the plan on Monday at noon.

It was noted that the council will go into Executive session (closed to public) at 4 pm to discuss the 48 transformative projects.

Kevin at the last meeting introduced the idea of creating an executive committee made up of each workgroup council member and co-chairs to make recommendation on projects since gaining total consensus in this larger group will be difficult. It was noted that this group made up of:

Kevin Law, Stuart Rabinowitz, Des Ryan, Joe Cabral, Dr. Stanley, Bel Pagdanganan and Marianne Garvin met earlier Tuesday along with Andrea and staffers to review projects. This 3 ½ hour meeting was challenging but necessary to review but not score projects.

Kevin asked for a motion to approve the official formation of an executive committee. Mark Fasciano seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Elaine Gross asked if all applications will be available to all regional council members and it was noted that a spreadsheet summary will be distributed at Exec. Session and all members will receive a website link from Andrea to allow access to full application and supporting documents which were received by the October 14 submission date. Andrea noted all members are

expected to carefully read each application and supporting documents in order to score the project. In addition Andrea noted the full applications are printed in a binder and available to any council member that wants to review them in the binder and we will make office space available to members.

Stuart Rabinowitz then noted Irene Baker will now make a detailed presentation on the CFA (consolidated financial application)

Irene Baker of the Governor's office noted that 15 CFA workshops have been held across NYS including the LI workshop on October 4th at SUNY Old Westbury. The CFA is a new process to applicants, regional councils and state agencies and we are learning and improving the process as we move forward but the system will be used going forward. The CFA is the Gov's idea to make the process more open to everyone and change to prior "top down" approach and make it "bottom up" by giving communities a voice.

A detailed CFA presentation covering the process and available resources is available at www.nyworks.ny.gov

Irene noted that the state agency will score 80 points related to technical scoring and the regional council will score the remaining 20 points related to viewing the project thru the regional strategy lens will be scored by the council members.

Irene then discussed that each Regional Council member will be assigned a user name and token allowing them access to a web based scoring system. They can review applications several ways to make scoring easier and if they want access to additional application information they can request that thru Andrea Lohneiss. Andrea will also maintain a recusal log sheet showing what members have recused them from discussion and scoring.

Irene asked if there are any questions. Co-Chairs were also told by Irene that they should not be scoring but the full non ex-officio council (20 members) is expected to all have scoring responsibilities.

A question was asked by a member about those projects that do not seem to fit the agency funding requirements and Irene said those should be included as council members may be able to support them or try to find leveraged funding to accomplish a project. It was also noted that all transformative projects should complete CFAs by October 31 deadline. Irene noted that the LI inbox has about 25 completed CFAs and about 374 CFAs "in process" so the workload to score will be intense. Irene also noted that they have a statistical way to normalize scoring between regions to avoid some regions that might score tougher or easier than others.

Stu asked for grading volunteers and Noreen Carro noted that she feels scoring is a council member responsibility and should not be an option.

Marianne Garvin and Larry Levy were then asked to present a brief discussion of the working draft of the Long Island Strategic plan. The plan will be available on the website at www.nyworks.ny.gov

Marianne Garvin discussed the general sections which will include:

- Exec summary
- Vision statement (draft vision statement was used as a work in process)
- The Long Island story
- Public participation
- Assessment of existing conditions
- Working group identification of critical issues/strengths/weaknesses and the consequences of inaction

It was noted that the writers will integrate into the document a discussion of those strategies that cross various workgroups. Larry Levy noted that there are intentional blank sections to accommodate the transformative projects and strategies approved by the council.

Stu Rabinowitz asked for comments from council members.

There was a regional council discussion about the obvious hard work that had gone into this draft and some concern about highlighting major regional challenges. Members expressed interest in focusing on how investments on LI could have a high return on investment. John Durso felt a frank discussion about LI's challenges will help debunk the myth that all LI'ers are rich – an obvious fallacy.

Kevin noted the need to include a section on our suggestions for regulatory reform, tax policy and legislative ideas that would improve LI's business climate and gain support from other regional councils.

Elaine Gross addressed a question to Lt. Gov about does the state want to hear about LI's bad news and challenges including equity issues. The Lt Gov noted he expects candor and don't just focus on the \$40 million but tell us the truth and provide your ideas on how to solve issues.

Tracey Edwards asked how much weight does the actual strategic plan have in our grading by NYS and it was noted the plan has all the weight in who wins the top scores and funding. The Lt Gov also suggested putting all your projects and ideas into the plan because there could be future funding.

Stu made a motion to accept this as a working document to post for public comments and the motion carried unanimously. It will be posted by Friday at www.nyworks.ny.gov

Kevin noted we have 47 projects requesting over \$600,000,000 in state funding and we face a huge task to review/score and prioritize these and we need to reach consensus. Kevin brought forth a motion to go into an executive session to review projects. The motion was approved.

The public meeting ended at approximately 3:45 pm and the council went into executive session which ended around 5 pm.