

## LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM March 19, 2014

Hofstra University
David S. Mack Student Center – Plaza Rooms
360 Hofstra University
Hempstead, NY 11549

#### **Regular Meeting - Open to the Public**

3:00 pm – 3:10 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks

Co Chair Kevin Law and Co Chair Rabinowitz

3:10 pm –3:45 pm Overview of Round Three and Work Group Priority Projects Reports

Briefing – Andrea Lohneiss, Executive Director

Work Group Reports

Opportunity Agenda - Pat Edwards/Vanessa Pugh

Workforce & Education – Joseph Cabral/Hubert Keen/Shaun McKay

Infrastructure – Desmond Ryan/Jim Morgo Innovation – Sam Stanley/Steve Savage

Natural Assets – Bel Pagdanganan/Carrie Meek-Gallagher

Path Through History – Brian Foley/Brian Teubner

CEDS - Andrea Lohneiss

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm Global NY Presentation

Claire McLeveighn, Vice President, Trade & Investment, ESD

Overview of the Global NY initiative and expectations of the regional councils

in Round 4.

Q & A

John Costanzo, Global NY WG co chair, report on Global NY Work Group

activities and ideas for Round 4.

4:15 pm - 4:55 pm "Rebuild By Design" Presentation

Daniel D'Ocha, Principal, Interboro Partners

4:50pm Concluding Remarks

Next meeting date is May 14, 2014, 3:00 pm; location is the LIA lower level.

5:00 pm Adjourn

# Long Island Regional Council Meeting Notes March 19, 2014 Hofstra University Multi Purpose Room

### Regional Council members present were:

Andrea Lohneiss- Exec Dir. Hubert Keen Rupert Hopkins

Stuart Rabinowitz-Co-Chair Pat Edwards Anne Shybunko Moore

Kevin Law-Co ChairJohn DursoDr. Sam StanleyPaulette SaturJoe CabralTracey EdwardsBel PagdangananDes RyanMarianne Garvin

**Desmond Ryan** 

# Non Council members at the main table: (work group co-chairs)

Steve Savage Vanessa Pugh Ron Foley Bob Isaksen John Costanzo

SART (State Agency Resource Team) in attendance:

Barry Greenspan, ESD Denise Zani, ESD Brian Scripture, ESD Brian Teubner, ESD Tom Dejesu, NYPA Dwight Brown, EFC Sharon Griffith, NYSERDA Greg Watson, HCR Shital Patel DOL, Jonathan Lothian, NYS Ag and Mkts

Meeting started at 3:15. Approximately 80 attendees were in the audience.

Kevin Law and Stuart Rabinowitz welcomed the group. Stuart discussed several prior Regional Council awards to Hofstra including Medical Scholars Pipeline and grants to support expansion at the School of Engineering. Stuart noted his recusal on all votes and discussions related to Hofstra.

Andrea Lohneiss summarized the results of Round 3 that included \$83M in funding for 98 Long Island projects. 45 of those projects are ESD, 27 New York State Department of Labor, 7 New York State Department of State, 5 New York State Department of Parks, 6 New York State Council on the Arts, 2 Environmental Facilities Corporation and 6 New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. Nine Opportunity Agenda projects totaled almost \$2M in funding.

The State Assessment Team feedback was discussed and highlighted the Opportunity Agenda plan, outreach and commitment and recommended that the next round focus more on interregional collaboration. Andrea noted Round Four will soon be announced and will focus on Global NY.

Work Group reports were presented:

Kevin acknowledged the great work of the Opportunity Agenda work group led by Pat Edwards and Vanessa Pugh. Pat noted her work group has already had three recent meetings this year. Pat Malone, Executive Director of Corporate Education and Training and the Advanced Energy Training Institute of Stony Brook University outlined the Workforce Intelligence Project focused on Wyandanch.

Dr. Hubert Keen and Joe Cabral noted their upcoming March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and highlighted some of the 37 workforce projects expected to train 1,700 workers.

Desmond Ryan, Co-Chair of the Infrastructure work group briefly outlined the Wyandanch Rising project, Meadows at Yaphank, Glen Cove Connector Road and EPCAL Sewage Treatment Plant upgrade.

Dr. Sam Stanley, Co Chair of the Innovation and Industry Cluster work group, outlined numerous innovation-focused projects including the Stony Brook University Innovation and Discovery building, which will be a driver for Start Up NY. Also mentioned were Stony Brook University's high performance computing, Cold Spring Harbor Labs, SBIR equipment grants, ADDAPT's small manufacturing competitiveness project and Brookhaven National Laboratory's Solar Test facility. Dr. Stanley also noted several manufacturing projects supported by the workgroup including U.S Non Woven's, Pool Cover Corp and Lanco.

Bel Pagdanganan, Co-Chair of the Natural Assets work group, outlined several projects supported including Browder's Birds and two fisheries projects.

Brian Foley of the New York State Parks Department and Co-Chair of the Path Through History work group outlined the Heritage Tourism plan, the upcoming New York State History Weekends, and a tourism video being produced to tell the LI tourism story.

Andrea Lohneiss informed the council that the annual report required to keep the Long Island CEDs (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) current and in force was submitted by partner, the LI Regional Planning Council, in December and has been accepted. The CEDS provides Long Island entities with the opportunity to secure federal EDA funds for Long Island projects.

Stuart introduced Claire McLeveighn, Vice President, Trade & Investment, Empire State Development, who outlined export statistics for the New York metro area. Nassau County exports were \$5.3B and Suffolk County was \$3.7B last year. Claire discussed several of New York State's key initiatives to support global export and foreign direct investment including export training courses. Details on the Global NY focus for Round Four will be released in the guidebook expected sometime in April.

A brief discussion about international trade vs. inter-state trade took place.

Kevin Law introduced John Costanzo and Bob Isaksen, Co-Chairs with Council member Jim D'Addario, of the new Global NY work group. John presented some export statistics and regional assets that would be a driver for foreign direct investment on Long Island.

Kevin Law introduced a team of consultants competing for Federal HUD funds to build additional resilience into several hard hit Nassau County communities. No other team on Long Island is competing for these planning funds and it was asked that the Regional Council endorse this effort to enhance their chances. Interboro and APEX are teaming together on this effort called "Live with the Bay" and are examining strategies to protect Long Beach and surrounding communities with enhanced marsh islands and storm barriers.

Tracey Edwards asked why no Suffolk County communities are included in this effort, noting this is a regional group and the initiative does not seem regional. Resi Cooper clarified that similar efforts funded by over \$700M in Federal funds are being undertaken in Suffolk by the U.S Corp. of Army Engineers. Pat Edwards suggested that our support should mention such efforts in Suffolk County.

John Durso offered motion to approve a Regional Council endorsement of the Interboro plan. Des Ryan made 2<sup>nd</sup> motion which carried unanimously.

Stuart Rabinowitz asked if anyone had questions, comments or wanted to discuss anything.

Dr. Stanley asked that in the future when endorsements of complex plans are required, that materials be provided in advance for review as well as additional meeting time for members to discuss the issue.

John Durso acknowledged the great work of Andrea Lohneiss and the Empire State Development staff team.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15.