

Long Island Regional Council
September 12, 2012 Meeting notes
Public Session
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory-Hillside Campus

Regional Council Members present:

New York State Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy
Kevin Law – Co Chair
Stuart Rabinowitz- Co-Chair
Dr. Sam Stanley
Dr. Sam Aronson
Tracey Edwards
James D’Addario
Pat Edwards
Anne Shybunko-Moore
Desmond Ryan
Bel Pagdanganan
Marianne Garvin
Elaine Gross
Rupert Hopkins
Bill Wahlig
Mark Fasciano
Paulette Satur
Andrea Lohneiss, Exec. Director
Mark Grossman, Dep. Director
New York State Senator Jack Martins
New York State Assembly member Robert Sweeney
Thomas Croci, Supervisor, Town of Islip
Andrew Kennedy, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Executive Chamber
Meeting hosts Dr. Bruce Stillman and Dil Ayres of CSHL.

Various state agency support staff were present and an estimated 50 attendees were present in the room with an estimated 40 additional attendees in the lobby (overflow area) where a closed circuit television broadcasted the meeting.

The following agenda was distributed:



**LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
September 12, 2012**

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Hillside Campus
Wendt Building, Hawkins Free Thought Lecture Hall, Level 3
One Bungtown Road
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

Regular Meeting - Open to the Public

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| 3:00 – 3:20 p.m. | Welcome and Opening Remarks
Lieutenant Governor Robert Duffy
Host: Dr. Bruce Stillman, President of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
Council Co Chairs Stu Rabinowitz and Kevin Law |
| 3:20 – 4:10 p.m. | Overview of Round One Project Status
Co Chairs Kevin Law and Stu Rabinowitz
Approval of the 2012 Progress Report, Priority Projects and Funding
Recommendations |
| 4:10 – 4:30 p.m. | Milestones and Round 2 Timeline
Megan Daly and Andrew Kennedy |
| 4:30 p.m. | Next Steps/Wrap-Up/Concluding Remarks |
| 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. | Public forum |

Lieutenant Governor Duffy opened the meeting at 3:10 pm and noted the Regional Council's successful August 20th presentation to the Governor in Albany. He noted the fascinating and informative tour that he had just received of the lab and asked Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory President Bruce Stillman to make opening remarks. Dr. Stillman's power point presentation outlined the importance of the lab throughout its 123 years of existence and highlighted the many companies spun off from Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory including OSI Pharmaceuticals. He thanked New York State and the Regional Council for the \$2 million grant in support of the cancer therapeutics initiative facility to be built at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's Woodbury campus. Dr. Stillman thanked the elected officials present. Several photos were taken of Dr. Stillman and local officials with an artist's rendering of the new Cancer Therapeutics initiative building supported by the Regional Council.

The Lieutenant Governor invited Howard Avrutine to speak on behalf of the Syosset area civic groups who joined him in attending the Regional Council meeting. Mr. Avrutine spoke on behalf of his client which he stated is comprised of 22 civic and community groups and 40,000 local residents. Mr. Avrutine expressed opposition to the Regional Council's Round One inclusion of an upscale mall at the former Syosset Cerro wire site as a regionally significant project, referencing an economic report prepared by Martin Cantor concluding that the proposed mall is not feasible. Mr. Avrutine argued in support of the Council's elimination of this endorsement from the Round Two Progress Report and of rescission by the Council of the 2011 SEQRA recommendation. He stated his belief that endorsement of the project as regionally significant in combination with a lead agency role for the State could be used by the mall developer to circumvent the town's opposition to the mall. He also stated that if the 2012 progress report is to list the Cerro site as Regionally Significant, the plan should at least note that future projects should be in conformance with the strategies developed by the Regional Council. Mr. Avrutine thanked the Lieutenant Governor and Regional Council for allowing him to speak.

Co Chair Rabinowitz noted that the 2011 plan has been amended, based upon a myriad of factors. In anticipation of approved by the full council, two modifications were described. Six sites will be listed as available for development including the Cerro wire site but identification of an "upscale mall" has been removed and the report specifies no particular type of development for any site. The sites include: Elmont/Belmont Racetrack area, Glen Cove Waterfront, Nassau HUB in Uniondale, Cerro Wire in Syosset, EPCAL in Riverhead and the Shoreham nuclear power plant site. In addition the recommendation that the state be lead agency for the SEQRA process for transformative/priority projects has been withdrawn. The Lieutenant Governor thanked Mr. Avrutine and the meeting reverted to the original agenda.

Co Chair Rabinowitz acknowledged the council's hard work in Round Two noting that the progress report is due on the 14th. Stuart Rabinowitz discussed the 200+ members of workgroups who have modified strategies and helped develop projects and performance measures. The Empire State Development team under Andrea Lohneiss' direction was also acknowledged as was the work of all the state agencies. It was noted that all 62 projects are under contract with state agencies.

A slide presentation was made by Kevin Law and Stuart Rabinowitz outlining the process, a summary of Round One successes, performance measurements, economic impacts and a listing of the projects being recommended for Round Two funding.

Marianne Garvin spoke in detail about how actual performance is being measured for every Round One Project. Dr. Pearl Kamer, Long Island Association Economist, spoke about how the data collected was then inputted into a U.S Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis RIMS2 model to generate gross metropolitan output, additional earnings and new jobs projected. This data is presented in the body of the 2012 report and in the Appendices.

Stuart Rabinowitz continued with a discussion of the work groups and described the new *Path Through History work group* that was established in 2012 as a result of Governor Cuomo's initiative. The role of the SART (State Agency Resource Team) in moving projects forward was acknowledged.

The CFA funding round opened on May 3, 2012 and nearly 200 LI CFAs (consolidated funding applications) were received and reviewed. The Regional Council has depended greatly upon the agency staff for technical analysis and council members have scored every project. As a result of these deliberations, the council will recommend 16 Priority projects comprised of 31 CFAs totaling \$30 million. Over \$1 billion in private investment will be leveraged by these projects. (*note that in Round One these projects were referred to as Transformative projects*)

In addition several projects (non-priority) involving inter-regional cooperation such as the High Performance Computing project were described. Other projects that support the Regional Council's new strategies incorporating arts, culture and heritage tourism are also being recommended including arts/theatre projects in both Nassau and Suffolk.

Stuart Rabinowitz described the Regional Council competitive element noting we could receive \$25M if we win and only \$5M if we do not win. The co-chair asked if there were any Regional Council member questions. Elaine Gross commented on her enthusiasm to see the 2012 plan come together.

Stuart Rabinowitz then asked Andrew Kennedy, Assistant Director of Economic Development, Executive Chamber, to speak about the process going forward. Mr. Kennedy noted that the Strategic Plan Assessment Panel will be visiting every region to hear about progress and to dialogue with council members as part of their review and selection process. In Round One the councils all traveled to Albany to make their presentations. It was also noted that a public website is available with progress tracking of every 2011 CFA-funded project. Over \$785 million was awarded to 739 projects in Round One. Decisions on Round Two will be made in the fall.

Tracey Edwards noted that when she visited Albany on August 21st with other Regional Council members she was impressed with the professionalism of other regions noting we have stiff

competition. She also noted the Governor's commitment to and involvement in those presentations.

Mark Fasciano noted some early successful venture investments that have been made as a direct result of the Regional Council and the collaboration of members.

Kevin thanked Andrew Kennedy and acknowledged Megan Daly's role. He asked for comments from the public. There were none.

Kevin Law asked for a motion to approve the 2012 Progress Report and adoption/endorsement of the recommended priority projects and scoring as presented. Sam Aronson made the motion and Desmond Ryan seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the progress report and adopt the recommended priority projects and scoring as presented carried unanimously. The Regional Council members' recusals and abstentions were noted.

Andrea noted the Regional Council's 200+ page plan will be sent to Albany electronically and posted on the Regional Council website late Friday, September 14th.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.