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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MINUTES

A meeting of the Economic Development Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator William J. Lindsay III, Chairperson
Legislator Steve Stern, Vice Chair (Excused Absence)
Legislator Kara Hahn
Legislator Robert Trotta
Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey (Excused Absence)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory, 15th Legislative District
George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Amy Ellis, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature
Alyssa Turano, Aide to Legislator Hahn
Deborah Harris, Aide to Legislator Stern
Diana Cherryholmes, Director/Suffolk County Office of Film and Cultural Affairs
Sarah Lansdale, Director/Suffolk County Planning
Michelle Buckley, At Risk Citizens USA
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Kevin Gruebel, Court Stenographer

(THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:01 P.M.)

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Good afternoon. Welcome to the Economic Development Committee meeting. If we could all please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Trotta.

(Salutation)

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Good afternoon. Welcome to the Economic Development Committee meeting. Before we begin, I just would like to announce that Legislator Steve Stern has an excused absence and so does Legislator McCaffrey as well. We will begin the meeting with the Public Portion.

PUBLIC PORTION

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

I have one card here, Michelle Buckley. Ms. Buckley, if you could come to the podium. You have three minutes and -- at which point we can ask you questions if there are any. So, thank you for coming in this afternoon.

MS. BUCKLEY:

Thank you very much. We are no longer a society of white people. We're brown people now, and I do believe that we need to have funding that coincides with the color that we are. We need to be a bilingual nation, mandatory English and Spanish, and we need to welcome the brown people that are here as opposed to deport them because they have taken over our country if you haven't noticed and for a good reason. So, I am asking the Suffolk County Legislature to fund the cultural tourism because we need to be in more of an integrated nation. It will serve many, many purposes, one of which is to make America great again. Thank you kindly.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Thank you for your comments. We appreciate you coming in today. Is there anyone else from the public that would like to speak? Not seeing anyone, I will close the Public Portion and move into the agenda.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

We will start with Introductory Resolution 1478 - Authorizing 2017 Cultural Tourism funding. (Co. Exec.) I'll make a motion to approve.

LEGISLATOR TROTТА:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:

Second by Legislator Trotta. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, we'll call the vote. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. (Vote: 3-0-0-2. Legislators Stern

1 and McCaffrey not present.)

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3 **Introductory Resolution 1479 - Authorizing 2017 Emerging Film**
4 **Festival funding. (Co. Exec.)** I'll make a motion to approve as
5 well.

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7 **LEGISLATOR HAHN:**
8 Second.

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10 **CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**
11 Second by Legislator Hahn.

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13 **LEGISLATOR TROTTA:**
14 Third.

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16 **CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**
17 Third by Legislator Trotta. Anybody have any questions for the
18 Film Fund? I see them here. Anything you want to tell us about in
19 terms of some of these film festivals?

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21 **DIRECTOR CHERRYHOLMES:**
22 Thank you for your support. And the funding this year for the
23 Emerging Film Festivals is going to three different organizations.
24 The -- four different organizations. The Hamptons Take 2
25 International Film Festival just -- is celebrating its tenth
26 anniversary this year, and so they're very excited to receive
27 funding. Sag Harbor Whaling Museum has a special film event. The
28 Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center has an event and -- I'm
29 blanking on the --

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31 **CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**
32 Port Jefferson?

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34 **DIRECTOR CHERRYHOLMES:**
35 Port Jefferson Documentary Series. They have a great widely
36 attended film series, and they partner successfully with Long
37 Island Museum.

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39 **CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**
40 Great. I appreciate your work that you're doing. I also -- on a
41 personal note, I sent over the students from NYU Film School.

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43 **DIRECTOR CHERRYHOLMES:**
44 Yes, yes

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46 **CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**
47 Thank you very much for accommodating them.

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49 **DIRECTOR CHERRYHOLMES:**
50 You're very welcome.

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52 **CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**
53 They're very excited about it, the opportunity of filming here in
54 the County.

1 **DIRECTOR CHERRYHOLMES:**

2 You're very welcome.

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4 **CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

5 So, we have a motion, we have a second and a third. All those in
6 favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Motion carries. (Vote: 3-0-0-2.**
7 **Legislators Stern and McCaffrey not present.)**

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9 **Introductory Resolution 1522 - Authorizing the sale of tax lien**
10 **certificates on 1460 (aka 1490) Brentwood Rd, Bay Shore (SCTM No.**
11 **0500-268.00-02.00-032.000) to the Suffolk County Landbank**
12 **Corporation. (Co. Exec.) For the purpose of discussion, I'll make**
13 **a motion.**

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15 **LEGISLATOR HAHN:**

16 Second.

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18 **CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

19 Second by Legislator Hahn. Sarah, maybe if you wouldn't mind just
20 giving us a little bit of information on this one.

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22 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

23 So, this is a parcel located in Bay Shore. The Landbank conducted
24 a Phase I on the property, and the -- there's currently an
25 operating auto repair store. It's been tax delinquent for eight
26 years. It's commercially zoned, and the proposed reuse is for a
27 gas station.

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29 **CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

30 okay. Any questions?

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32 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

33 Happy to answer any questions.

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35 **CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**

36 Legislator Trotta.

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38 **LEGISLATOR TROTТА:**

39 So, there's a auto body shop there right now?

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41 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

42 Yes.

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44 **LEGISLATOR TROTТА:**

45 That's functioning and working?

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47 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

48 We've been in touch. We've sent correspondence. We're not sure
49 if -- they are -- they're not the owners of the -- of the property.

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51 **LEGISLATOR TROTТА:**

52 Are they paying rent?

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54 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**

55 We have not been able to ascertain that. They have not responded
56 to our outreach.

1 **LEGISLATOR TROTТА:**
2 Want me to go over there?

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4 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**
5 It's your prerogative.

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7 **LEGISLATOR TROTТА:**
8 I'll take care of it.

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10 **DIRECTOR LANSDALE:**
11 Thank you.

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13 **CHAIRPERSON LINDSAY:**
14 You don't get a piece of the tax lien if you do collect it, by the
15 way. Okay, so, we have a motion, we have a second. All those in
16 favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Motion carries. (Vote: 3-0-0-2.**
17 **Legislators Stern and McCaffrey not present.)**

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19 That is the end of our agenda. We are adjourned.

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22 **(THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:05 P.M.)**
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