

**SITINGS OF MEMORIALS & SYMBOLS AND  
NAMING OF COUNTY FACILITIES, PARKS & ROADS COMMITTEE**

**Of the**

**Suffolk County Legislature**

A meeting of the Sitings of Memorials & Symbols and Naming of County Facilities, Parks & Roads Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Caracappa Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on November 9, 2009.

**Members Present:**

Legislator Steven Stern - Chairman/District #16  
Linda Bay - Representing Legislator Losquadro/Minority Leader  
Ralph Borkowski - Representing Department of Public Works  
Peter Lambert - Representing Tom Isles/Suffolk County Planning Director  
Steve Tricarico - County Executive's Assistant  
Paulette Bartunek - Director/Suffolk County Human Rights Division

**Members Not Present:**

Karen Klafter - Representing Legislator Lou D'Amaro/District #17

**Also in Attendance:**

Legislator Jay Schneiderman - District #2  
Legislator John Kennedy - District #12  
Paul Perillie - Representing Legislator Cooper/Majority Leader  
Catherine Stark - Legislator Schneiderman's Office  
Debbie Harris - Legislator Stern's Office  
Michael Pitcher - Presiding Officer's Office  
Deanna Marshall - Office of Women's Services  
Irene R. Donohue - Resident of Southampton  
Irene J. Donohue - Resident of Southampton  
Bruce Doscher - Resident of Hampton Bays  
Rick Sobrevinas

**Minutes Taken By:**

Alison Mahoney - Court Reporter

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Denise Weaver - Legislative Aide

*(\*The meeting was called to order at 3:34 P.M. \*)*

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Schneiderman.

***Salutation***

Welcome, everybody. We'll go right into the agenda. We have three items on our agenda this afternoon. ***IR 1865 - Naming Parkland in East Quogue in Honor of John T. Donohue. (Schneiderman)*** I'll make a motion to approve for purposes of discussion.

**LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:**

I'm not actually on the committee.

**MS. BAY:**

I'll second.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

And we have a second. On the motion, Legislator Schneiderman.

**LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Through the Chair, thank you. I came before you several months ago on a slight -- same individual, former Legislator, John Donohue, for a different parcel that was at the Gabreski Industrial Park. But for numerous reasons it was felt that that was not the appropriate property to bear his name. I consulted with the Planning Department, they did a review of the area in and around the airport and found a six acre parcel that borders the airport on Lewis Road, which is County Road 104, it actually faces some beautiful farmland across the street from it. And it's on a very visible curve in the road, a turn in the road.

And I met out there with the family who are here today. We have John Donohue's wife is here and his daughter, Irene, as well as some other family members. And they met with me there. They felt that the property was quite appropriate. And they were pleased that I would be submitting a resolution to name that property in the memory of Mr. Donohue. So here we are again today.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Well, I remember the discussion that we had regarding the prior effort and listening to some of the objective and reasonable reasons why that might -- that particular naming might not have been appropriate. But also suggesting that we would go back and take a look at something that might be more appropriate and it's good to see that this proposal is a direct result of that prior conversation and that we have another proposal before us. Anybody else on the motion? Okay. I'll call the vote? All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstention? Motion carries. ***Approved. (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 Not Present: Karen Klafter)***.

**LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Thank you for your support.

Just if could tell the family, so this now will -- their resolution's already at the -- which committee is it? It's at Parks Committee. So if you wish to attend the next Parks Committee meeting, now it can -- has the ability to move forward.

**MS. DONOHUE:**

Thank you.

**LEG. SCHNEIDERMAN:**

Okay. Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Very good. Okay. The next item on our agenda is Executive Order 11-2000 -- is that six, is that correct? Okay. ***Executive Order 11-2006 - Women's Hall of Fame Permanent Location - Suffolk County Dennison Building Plaza Level (County Executive Levy)*** I will make a motion to approve for -- just to throw it out there.

**MR. TRICARICO:**

I'll second that motion.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

We have a second. Anybody on the motion? Do we have anybody that would like to speak on it?

**MR. TRICARICO:**

Just for clarification. In the year 2006, Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy passed an Executive Order -- signed an Executive Order designating a part of the H. Lee Dennison Building lobby to display the Suffolk County Women's Hall of Fame location. This reso -- this Executive passing of this Executive Order would implement that in the southwest corner of the H. Lee Dennison lobby.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Anybody else? All right. Very good. I'll call the vote. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? Motion carries. Thank you. ***Approved. (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 Not Present: Karen Klafter)***.

Does this next one have a reso number assigned to it, do we know? Legislator Kennedy, are you aware of a reso number?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Actually, Mr. Chair, it is being laid on the table on Tuesday.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Okay. Fair enough.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

So we've gotten it filed already. It's in the packet and we will -- the Clerk's Office may have gotten a number by this point. I'd be happy to take a walk across the hall to find out if they've actually numbered it yet.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Yeah, okay.

**MR. PERILLIE:**

Actually, I have it. Give me a second.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Oh, you do? Okay. Yeah, I'd like to get that just for identification purposes.

This will be known as IR 1959, which is assigned to the Public Safety Committee, so we'll identify it as such for our purposes today.

***IR 1959 - Naming the New Fourth Precinct Building after Cyril J. Donnelly (Kennedy)***.

**MR. TRICARICO:**

I'd like to make a motion to table, please.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Motion to table. Is there a second?

**MR. LAMBERT:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Anybody on the motion? Legislator Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Sure. I'd love to speak on the motion. This resolution is being brought forward, as you can see, all of us can see, this building has moved along at great speed. And as a matter of fact, from what we've been told from Public Works, occupancy can be expected possibly as early as January. In doing so, that's what prompted Legislator Nowick and I to file this resolution.

Mr. Donnelly, as everybody can see from the contents of the resolution, was somebody who was known throughout Smithtown Township for more than seven decades. He was the former Police Chief of the former Smithtown Town Police Force and was so for many years. And then subsequently in 1960, when the five west end town districts came together as the Suffolk County Police District, Mr. Donnelly wound up becoming the Chief Inspector, the Chief Police Inspector in the Suffolk County Police force. He has been -- he has many ties and many roots in the town. As a matter of fact, his son-in-law is the current Town Councilman, Bob Creighton, our former Suffolk County Police Chief -- Police Commissioner. His family is well known and not only was he involved in law enforcement but he was involved in many other community organizations throughout the Town of Smithtown and actually throughout the County of Suffolk. He was a major force within St. Anthony's High School, a major force with many other organizations throughout our area. And so that's what prompts us to bring it forward.

I think the conditions are certainly met as far as the naming criteria for somebody who has been expired for a period of time and also somebody of prominence throughout the County. As you can see, not only was he a major principal in our Suffolk County Police Department, he's also a World War II Veteran as well, a Navy veteran.

So I think it's certainly very apt and very fitting to bring this name forward for this building.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Okay. On the motion?

**MR. TRICARICO:**

On the motion, the County Executive believes that Suffolk County typically reserves these kinds of honors for not only those people of great character and commitment to their communities, but also for truly exceptional service to Suffolk County.

And without diminishing this individual's commitment or service or his local legacy, the County Executive would like to table this as it is premature to name the Fourth Precinct after this gentleman. And also for informational purposes, the three other precincts that are named in Suffolk County, two of which, the First and Fifth, are named after Suffolk County Police Department Officers who were killed in the line of duty and the Fifth Precinct -- I'm sorry, the Second Precinct is named after a former Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Well, I appreciate the County Executive's perspective and I'll certainly be happy to engage in dialogue. But as we know as well, our Sixth Precinct was named after our colleague, Rose Caracappa, somebody who gave service. But Dan Guido is the former Police Commissioner who -- I guess it's the Second was named after. As a matter of fact, I was in County government at the time that Dan Guido was the Police Commissioner.

And certainly I think that the County Executive's perspective is right. There's no -- there should be clearly no competition, if you will, amongst names because certainly we have many people who have served our County in the law enforcement side very aptly. And I guess the only thing I would ask you, Mr. Chair, is is if there is a desire to table, anticipating that we may have occupancy in January, I'm curious as to how frequently this committee actually does meet then.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Well, the committee meets as necessary, depending on matters placed before us. This is a committee that can be called together in a short period of time if there's a pressing matter before us, whether it's to take up this issue or any other.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay. So then I guess what I should do is probably reach out to the County Executive to ask if he'd like to have some dialogue on this. Because as it occurs to me, we have a meeting next Tuesday, as you know, and then we have two meetings in December, last of which is probably December --

**MR. PERILLIE:**

Fifteenth.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

-- 15th. After that time, obviously all our resolutions will die by virtue of the calendar, and then the earliest that we would have action would be some time in mid to late February, I guess. So that's what prompts part of the effort to go ahead and to file now and for the purposes of consideration on this.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Well, I suppose that during the dialogue, in this intervening time it would also be, I think, important to determine whether or not there were going to be other names forthcoming from the administration. Is this just an issue regarding this particular name or suggestion, or are there going to be others that will come before us to be considered? I'm sure we would all want to know --

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

-- what the plans are going forward.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Okay.

**CHAIRMAN STERN:**

Okay. There is a motion and a second to table. I'll call the vote. All in favor of tabling? Any Opposed? Any abstentions? Motion to table carries. **Tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 Not Present: Karen Klawter).**

Okay. Anybody else? Anybody else? Very good. All right. We are adjourned. Thank you.

**(\*The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 P.M. \*)**

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