

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislature Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on March 21, 2012.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leg. Lynne C. Nowick, Chairwoman (Excused absence)  
Leg. Ricardo Montano, Vice Chair  
Leg. Kara Hahn  
Leg. Wayne R. Horsley  
Leg. Steven H. Stern

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature  
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel  
Renee Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk  
Jill Moss, Budget Review Office  
Ben Zwirn, County Executive's Office  
Gregory Dawson, Commissioner/Parks Department  
Greg Moran, Aide to Leg. Nowick  
Deborah Harris, Aide to Leg. Stern  
Bob Martinez, Aide to Leg. Montano  
Paul Perillie, Aide to Leg. Gregory  
Dot Kerrigan, AME  
Lance Reinheimer, Vanderbilt Museum  
Lorraine Vernola, Vanderbilt Museum  
Michelle Gegwich, appointee to the Vanderbilt Museum

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:04 PM**

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay, we're going to be starting the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee. I'm not the Chair. Lynne Nowick has an excused absence and I'll be chairing the Committee in her stead.

We're going to start with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Kara Hahn.

**SALUTATION**

Okay. I want to thank everybody for coming. As I said, for the record, Legislator Nowick is excused of today's meeting. We don't have any correspondence. We have one card and that is -- sorry, I can't read the name. Lance, I'm only joking. Come on up, Lance. I know you're not here for more money, right?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

I'll get to that in a minute.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

I don't like to wear out my welcome, but I do have some good news to report, that the Planetarium renovations started on March 12.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Great. Finally.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

I'm real proud of the team that Public Works put together. We had a meeting today of about 12 contractors. The resources that are going into this project, which is only one small piece of our Capital Project -- Program in Suffolk County is phenomenal. Public Works is really making this move and they're doing things as quickly as possible.

So, the Goto has been dismantled. It's been removed from the Planetarium. The seats are out, the carpeting is out; they're working on the pit. And that's all in the past two weeks. So, they're going really great guns.

They're starting to frame out what the schedule will be for completion. And they'll get better numbers or a better date once they speak to Konica Minolta and Konica Minolta's equipment arrives. The equipment is en route and should be here in about six weeks. Right now we're looking for a target date of somewhere around November 15th, but that's kind of a fussy date. It's a lot longer than we expected, but in the long run I'd rather have them put the time into it correctly, which is why I'm here today. Some people may say I'm asking for money. I'm ensuring that this project is done the best that it can be done, which includes public safety and the comfort of the visitors.

Public Works visited the site on February 24th to look at the HVAC, because we've had problems with it. We've had problems with the air conditioning, we've had problems with heat. Basically we haven't had any heat. They assessed the equipment. And it's critical to the project that we appropriate \$300,000 for HVAC. Without going into a lot of details, it's -- the way the equipment is configured with the furnaces and the air handler in the same room, we have technology today that will have direct feed lines, fresh air into the furnaces. There's a potential problem when you have

furnaces and air handlers in the same room sharing the same space. It's not a good situation. Public Works highly supports this. And it's really critical to the project. We're putting \$3 million into this project. We need the HVAC to work properly for -- it almost comes down to safety of the public.

So, this is IR 1283. These funds are in the adopted Capital Program for the Planetarium. \$300,000 was scheduled for this year in 2012. So, it's just a normal resolution to appropriate funds already scheduled in the Capital Program.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Lance, I think we have some questions. And by the way, you know I'm only joking with you. But I want to say that publicly I think that you are doing a great job at the Museum. And, you know, from me personally, it's a breath of fresh air, because I've had some issues. But with respect to this appropriation, I know it's in the Capital Budget. I think our Capital Budget for this year is probably \$195 million. Am I correct on that?

**MR. NOLAN:**

The deficit this year?

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

No. The Capital Budget that we approved, there's about 195 million for this year. Ben, are you --

**MR. ZWIRN:**

I think that sounds -- that sounds about right.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Right. And we generally bond these projects. We bond all of them, don't we? Oh, yeah.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Well, we are now --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Say "oh, yeah."

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Oh, yeah, because we have no --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

(Laughter) No, but I mean even in the past we bond them as a general rule.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Yes.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Except when we had that 25-5-5 rule, I think, and we sort of waived that over the years?

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Right.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

And we had been bonding everything in the Capital Budget.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Correct.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

And the issue this year, Lance, is that not only are we bonding out the Capital Budget, but we're also going to have to be bonding other items like, you know, settlements and things like that. So, just because it's in the Capital Budget doesn't mean that it's an automatic ticket for borrowing money. And, you know, quite frankly, is there -- my question to you is, is there another means by which the Museum can come up legally with this money or is this something that has to be done through the County because it's a Capital Project?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Okay, first of all, I fully understand the financial condition of Suffolk County, more than I think most people, being that I was involved.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

You should. You used to -- exactly.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Right. I used to sit here. So, I'm fully aware of that. And I'm not here asking for funds simply because they're in the Capital Project. My point was that this is not a request for transfer of funds or for new funds. It's scheduled. And I understand that.

We also have a million dollars scheduled in this year's Capital Program for reconstruction of a bridge that is -- needs some work. I'm not looking to appropriate that money this year. And partially because Public Works -- well, I'm not going to say Public Works. It's the opinion that --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Is that a bridge?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

-- the bridge has not gone gotten worse over the past year. It's a million dollars. That's a number that was not put in by Public Works. That's a number that was kind of a placeholder; perhaps that bridge will cost more than a million dollars. The point is I'm not asking for that money this year, and I'm not asking for that money for the future to accumulate appropriations, so that when we get to the bridge we have them.

So, I'm aware of the problems of the County. And I'm here asking for the \$300,000, because the short answer is it's critical to the project. I invite you to talk to Public Works, talk to the Commissioner, talk to Jim Ingenito. It's there. And I'm not speaking for them. It's my understanding from meeting with them, that this is really critical for the Planetarium. And that the work that we're doing needs this also.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. Number one, the bridge is not before us, but you heard of the bridge to nowhere. Where does that bridge go?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Actually that bridge does go to some place. And that goes to the courtyard of the Mansion.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

And that's another problem that I see; is once construction starts on that bridge, we don't have really proper access to the Museum. So, with the Planetarium down, to even think about working on the bridge and restricting access to the Museum, what do we have left? Not much.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Right. So, what you're saying is that even though that item is in the Capital Budget, you will not be asking for that this year?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

That's correct. Not only am I not -- I'm not asking for that in the Capital Program for 2013, that those funds were scheduled in subsequent years. We need to work --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Which ones were scheduled in subsequent years?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

The million dollars. In other words, I'm not rescheduling it into 2013 next year. I'm not pushing it back to next year. I'm keeping it in the --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

You lost me. Is the appropriation in this year -- I mean it's in the Capital Budget, which is what, a five-year document or three-year document? But the million dollars, is it in the Capital Program for expenditure this year or in subsequent years?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Okay. In this year's Capital Project -- Capital Budget --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Right.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

-- 2012, there's a million dollars scheduled.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

To be spent this year?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

To be spent this year.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

All right. So, you're asking for that to be kicked back to another year or you're -- you're willing to let it go altogether?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

I'm letting that go.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Altogether.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

However, in next year's Capital Program that you'll be looking at this spring --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Right.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

-- that project is still in there. And I'm requesting those funds in subsequent years just to keep it in the Capital Program that some day we'll have to do something.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

So -- all right. It's a million dollars to be appropriated this year. You're going to cancel that?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Correct.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

You're going to request next year's Capital Budget that that item be placed in the budget but in subsequent years?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

That's correct.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Got you. My original question was, even though this is in the Capital Budget, is there another way that this can be funded through the Museum itself or that would be improper?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

No. Two parts to your question.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Yes, it's a compound question. I'll ask one at a time. Is there another way that this can be funded? Do we have money?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

We do not have the means to fund it at this time. However, we've raised \$130,000 for other aspects of the Planetarium renovations, which includes carpeting and seats and an online computerized ticketing system. So, we have funds that are going to improve the Planetarium that we raised privately.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

But you will not use those funds to offset this Capital Project, is what you're saying?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Those funds are already spoken for.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

We're actually -- we have bids for the chairs that are due next Wednesday. We have at least four companies that are interested in bidding on Planetarium chairs. The funds that we've raised will be used for that. We entered into a contract with Black Bard for online ticketing, membership management, visitor/visitation, information, collection. It's a really extensive program that they use in Newport -- the mansions in Newport. Lincoln Center uses this system. And so part of the funds that we raised for the Planetarium are also used for that because the Planetarium is the moving force to go into a computerized system.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. And just let me continue. So, those funds that are collected are there, but they're not to be used for this. Is there any other way that you could fund what you're asking for through your own money? Either through money from interest or -- and obviously the compound question was, even if you did have the money, because this is a Capital Project, would that be proper? And let's answer the first one first because if you don't have the money, the second one's academic.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Right. No, we don't -- the short answer is we don't have the funds. The second answer is that we are putting money towards this Capital Project so legally you can do that under the supervision of Public Works.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

How much are you putting into it?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

At least 135,000. I think we'll get up to -- I'd like to put in 225. I'd like to raise that money. I'm in the process of raising that money.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

So, 225 plus 300,000 gives me \$525,000. Is that going to be the cost of the project or is it a \$300,000 project?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

No. The HVAC is separate from the chairs, the computer.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

No, I'm only talking about the HVAC.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

No. The HVAC is 300,000. That's for this resolution.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Right. So, you have no funds to put into -- in other words, what I'm saying is that the County's going to have to go out and bond this 300,000 if this is approved?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Correct.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

And I'm asking you whether or not you have alternate means so that you can save the County from bonding out another 300,000 in light of our fiscal situation? That's all I'm asking.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Okay. No, we don't have the means.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. Any other questions? Okay. Yes, Legislator Wayne Horsley.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Hey, Lance. Just so I understand it, without this -- these dollars, there's no heating system; is that correct?

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

No air conditioning.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Air conditioning, heating or --

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Yeah. This is for replacing the two furnaces and working on the HVAC, the condensers, the

dampers, and air exchange system. What we have now is we have a situation where the furnaces are in the same room with the air handlers. When the dampers aren't working correctly, it's -- you can mix combustion gases in with the air flow throughout the Planetarium.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Oh. Well, that sounds -- that sounds like a good thing. Jeez. You can't open without this?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

I won't say that, but I'll tell you it's critical. And Public Works would have to answer that question. I can't speak for them. I'm not an engineer. I'm relaying to you in general what was told to me through Public Works. So, yeah, I think it would be difficult -- it would be difficult to open with the HVAC in its present state, yes.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

HVAC, not the heating system?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Heating and air conditioning. HVAC, heating and air conditioning.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Got it.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

And ventilation.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. Any other comments?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

I'd like to say one more thing. And the other reason why I'm here is I have Lorraine Vernola here. So, aside from asking for money, I'd like to present Legislator Stern with a piece of the Goto. Before the construction started, Lorraine went up there with a wrench and she took a widget -- I have no idea what this widget is -- but Lorraine will tell you what she has and present it to you.

By the way, for the record, Legislator Stern's father worked on this Goto in 1970, so it's 42-years-old.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Where's the photographer?

**MS. VERNOLA:**

Good afternoon.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Would you like to come forward? I think we'd all like to see this.

**MS. VERNOLA:**

Okay.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Oh, I'm sorry, you need to speak into the mic and then we'll come forward. Thanks.

**MS. VERNOLA:**

This is a picture of the Star Projector and the console on the very last day before it was demolished (indicating). So, we took it all lit up, ready to go with the stars. And part of the Star Projector in the console was this (indicating), which is what I'm presenting to you. It is our annual motion, our year that the Goto was presented, the stars onto the dome. As you can see, it says 2079? This is why we're replacing it. It doesn't work. Slight problem. But we want you to have this.

**LEG. STERN:**

Really great. Really great. Thank you.

**MS. VERNOLA:**

Thank you so much.

**LEG. STERN:**

Thanks so much. I really appreciate it.

**MS. VERNOLA:**

You're welcome. Thank you very much.

**(APPLAUSE)**

**LEG. STERN:**

This is a pleasant surprise and very special to me and to my family. Lance, as you know, my father worked on the original design team for the Projector; so, whenever we've had questions around this horseshoe, whenever I've been asked a question out in the community how old is the projector, I know exactly how old it is because I remember how old I was when I was coloring on the plans on the kitchen floor when my father would bring home the plans.

So, thank you. This is really very special for me and my family. I really appreciate it. Thanks.

**MS. VERNOLA:**

Can I just say one more thing? Mr. Stern? I'd like to say one more thing. We want to thank the entire Parks Department for their support for the Planetarium. But as Mr. Reinheimer said, we are now also asking for contributions and support. And being that your family was such a supporter of the Vanderbilt Planetarium, what better way than your family can support it by buying a chair? For \$400, we'll put your name on it and it'll be there for posterity. And when it goes down, you can have the chair.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

He'll take ten of those. (Laughter)

**MS. VERNOLA:**

Ten of those? So how many can we put you down for?

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Ten.

**MS. VERNOLA:**

Ten? You have your credit card? Thank you. (Laughter)

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. Thank you very much. Congratulations.

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

And we extend that to all members of the Legislature, if you choose to purchase a chair.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

I'd like a new chair here. Have you sat in one of these chairs, Lance?

**MR. REINHEIMER:**

Yes, I did.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay, you know what I'm talking about. I want to congratulate Legislator Stern for the record and we want to thank you for making that presentation.

We have -- oh, that was the card, Lance.

Commissioner, I guess I can call you that now, right? Is this your first meeting as Commissioner or your second?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

My first as Commissioner.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Well, this is my first meeting as -- chiring the Committee this week, so congratulations and welcome and the floor is yours.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Thank you very much.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

I think the Commissioner's ready to answer questions. I don't know if you have any --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Do you want to say anything?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Do you want to go resolution by resolution? We're pretty much in favor --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

No, we'll do that. Yeah. I thought you may have had a preliminary statement. I'm sure your first thing would be "thank you very much for appointing me and I'll answer any questions that we have", right? Let's move on.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Thank you very much for appointing me and I'll answer any questions that you have. (Laughter)

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Did you get that Renee? Do it again, Commissioner, on the record.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Just hold it?

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

You got to push the button there.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

The first thing I'd like to say is thank you for -- thank you for the appointment and I look forward to working with you and this Committee.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

See that, Renee, we got that out.

**TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

Okay. And all seriousness, let's move onto the agenda.

**1001, Appropriating funds in connection with building for Wildlife Rescue and Education, Marine Science Center, Southold (CP 1766). (Romaine)** I'm going to make a motion to table. And quite frankly, just for the record, even though these projects may be in the Capital Budget, I'm going to be voting against all of them until we have a system in place where we work with the administration identifying those projects that we want to move forward on and those projects that we want to hold off on this year because of our fiscal situation. And that sure applies to projects in my own district.

I will not be -- unless we can reach agreement down the road when we do a comprehensive analysis of our fiscal situation in conjunction with the Executive's office, I don't think that we as Legislators really should start appropriating these monies. I think we got to look at the whole picture. So, that's just my position and, you know, each Legislator can vote accordingly. So, I'm going to make a motion to table. I would need a second. Do we have a second?

**LEG. HAHN:**

Second.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

We have a second. Do we have any other motions? All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. 1001 is tabled. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)**

**1018, Amending Resolution No. 918-2011, establishing A Historic Structure Pilot Program and directing the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation to issue a Request For Proposals. (Gregory)** It was tabled the last time. Can I have an explanation from Counsel on -- well, first of all, Commissioner, we don't have a motion yet. What is your position on this?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Actually, we're looking to table again this month.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

The sponsor wants to table? Motion to table. You heard the same thing. Motion to table. I need a second. Who seconded it? Legislator Kara Hahn. All in favor? Any other motions? No. All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)**

Oh, we have here **1199**, not the union, but the resolution, **Appointing Michelle Gegwich as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 8). (Spencer)**. Michelle, would you please step forward? How are you? Why don't you tell us something about yourself? And this way we can -- you know, and then we'll make the appropriate motion.

**MS. GEGWICH:**

Okay. Thank you. I'm actually very honored to receive this appointment from Legislator Spencer. I actually live up by the Vanderbilt and have lived there for many years and had worked several years ago when we first were approaching some of the issues with the Vanderbilt and worked with {Vorgelestein} on working through the Friends of the Vanderbilt. So, I've been active. I've got two

children in the Harborfield School District. I'm very active in our PTA and I'm currently a full-time master student at Stony Brook getting my Master's in Social Work.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Very good. Does anyone have any questions? Okay. Then I'm going to make a motion to approve. We need a second.

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

By Legislator Stern. Does anybody have any comments? Welcome to the Board. You're going to find it very interesting and at times you're going to be wondering why did I do this, but I think it's a rewarding experience. I have a very good friend who serves on the Board. You'll be serving with him. And he always tells me "I have a meeting." I'm like "you're sure you're going to make it?" And he goes, "I have to go. It's a responsibility." So -- and he's always bugging me to vote for things on the Vanderbilt. And I tell him "no."

So, in any event let's have a vote. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)** Congratulations.

**MS. GEGWICH:**

Thank you very much.

**INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS**

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

**Introductory resolutions: 1201, Authorizing use of Southaven County Park for the Kara's Hope 5K Run/Walk. (Browning)** I'll make a motion to approve.

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Second by Legislator Stern. And these are all -- they all pay the appropriate fee, right, Commissioner?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yes. It's \$225.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. And that's a resolution sponsored by Legislator Browning. All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)**

We have **1205, Reappoint member to the Suffolk County Board of Trustees of Parks, Recreation and Conservation (Dawn Hopkins). (Lindsay)** That's a resolution introduced by Legislator Lindsay. It's a reappointment. She doesn't need to be here.

**LEG. STERN:**

Motion.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Motion by Legislator Stern.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Second.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Second by Legislator Horsley. Any comments? All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries.  
**(VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)**

**IR 1220, Requesting legislative approval of a contract award for renovation, operation, management, and maintenance of the camp store and snack bar concession at Cedar Point County Park, East Hampton. (Co. Exec.)** Motion by anybody?

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Sure, I'll make a motion.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Motion by Legislator Horsley. Second by anyone?

**LEG. HAHN:**

Second.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Second by Legislator Stern. Counsel, can you just give us a brief --

**MR. NOLAN:**

This is pursuant to our local law which states that if we issue an RFP and only one person responds, then it has to be approved by the County Legislature.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

All right. And they're the only one that responded, Ben, or Commissioner?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yes. We sent out 187 letters.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

I'm sorry, I can't hear you.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

I'm sorry. We sent out 187 letters. We had eight people pick up a response, but they were the only ones that responded.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

My Legislative Aide tells me that they make a great breakfast sandwich. Let me ask a question. Why -- why do you think that you don't get other responses?

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Too far away.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yeah. Kind of in the middle of nowhere.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Wait a minute. I live there.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

That's right, this is East Hampton. Ben, why doesn't anyone else want to do it?

**MR. ZWIRN:**

You know, it's way out. I mean, it's 64 miles from here. And it's a very isolated park. So, the only business you're going to get is from the people who actually --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Local.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

Only people who are camping there. And once in a while you get a resident like me who -- it's much closer for me to get a quart of milk or a newspaper at the campsite than it is to go to the Village to buy anything.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. Have you had the breakfast sandwich?

**MR. ZWIRN:**

No.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Bob recommends it.

**MR. ZWIRN:**

I hear it's highly recommended.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

All right. We have a motion to approve, I believe, right? Did we do that?

**MS. ORTIZ:**

Yes.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)**

**SIDE BAR CONVERSATION**

**1221, Approving a License Agreement for Joyce Bazoge to reside at Jacob Solomon Smith House, at West Hills County Park, Huntington. (Co. Exec.)** This is, I would imagine, one of our properties that we want to have residents move in to upkeep?

**MR. NOLAN:**

Well, to move in and pay rent of \$1550 per month.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. And what's the procedure for that, if I may ask?

**MR. NOLAN:**

Well, we actually created a Committee a number of years ago to -- particularly with these historic

properties to prevent them from being vandalized and damaged and so forth. The priority was to get the people in sometimes for below what an appraisal might be. And this Committee has approved and recommended this person. And that is the process.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Is this Committee open competitive? I mean, anyone that -- do we advertise these properties and then solicit requests or is it done in-house or how's it done?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

There's a criteria -- I'm sorry -- it first goes to Park Police Officers. Then it will go to a County -- it'll go to a full-time -- full-time Suffolk County Police Officer. Next it's offered to a full-time employee of Suffolk County who works for Park & Recreation. The next list will go to the current full-time Suffolk County Law Enforcement Officer. Then it will go to any Suffolk County employee. Then it'll go to a full-time Suffolk County Law Enforcement Officer; then any resident of Suffolk County. So, once we've met those six criteria, I guess it would go out for open bid, but it hasn't. I don't think it's ever come to that.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

All right. And this one fits in which category?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Employee.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. All right. Do we have a motion?

**MS. ORTIZ:**

No, we don't have a motion.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

All right.

**LEG. HAHN:**

Motion.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Motion by Legislator Kara Hahn, second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)**

**IR 1222, Authorizing a Custodial License Agreement with Old Field Farm Ltd. For Old Field Farm County Park, Setauket. (Co. Exec.)**

**LEG. HAHN:**

Motion.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Motion by Legislator Hahn. Do we have a second? Second. I'll second it. What is this agreement about?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

We currently have an agreement with a woman by the name of Sally Field. We had a license agreement in the past. We're looking to make that more of a historic-cultural agreement, so.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

What does that mean?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Well, originally when they put the agreement in place back in 1996, the intent was to rent it out for horseback riding and whatnot. That never really transpired. What she's really there to do is to upgrade the current historic structures. She's already done the corral, the barn and certain other areas, so.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. This is your District, Legislator Hahn?

**LEG. HAHN:**

Yes, yes, Sally Lynch --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. She made the motion.

**LEG. HAHN:**

They really do a phenomenal job of being a friend to the Park there. And I really hope that we can pass this.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Oh, we will. Take a vote right now. All in favor? We have a motion. All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)**

**IR 1223, Approving a License Agreement for Shannon Barr to reside at Southaven County Park, Brookhaven. (Co. Exec.)** We need a motion.

**LEG. HORSLEY:**

Motion.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Motion by Legislator Horsley.

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Second by Legislator Stern. This is the same situation, Commissioner, right?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Correct.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. And which category does she fit into?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yeah, I'm not really sure. I think she might be an employee.

**LEG. HAHN:**

I don't think the monthly rent was in the reso. Do we have that?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yes, it's \$1550. I'm sorry, 1,050.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

1,050?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Correct.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. We have a motion on the floor. Any other motions? All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)**

**LEG. HAHN:**

**IR 1269, Requesting legislative approval of a contract award for renovation, operation, management, and maintenance of the camp store and snack bar concession at Smith Point County Park, Shirley. (Co. Exec.)** Motion? I'll make the motion. Need a second.

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Second by Legislator Stern. You want to give us a brief explanation, Commissioner?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

This is similar to the -- this is pretty similar to the Smiths Point concession. It'll generate a little bit more revenue than Cedar Point. They're going to be paying us \$145,000 over ten years plus \$85,000 in capital improvements over ten -- it's a ten-year license agreement with the option to renew for two five's.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

All right. So, it's ten, five and five? Is that what you said?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Correct.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Now, is this a situation where they're the only ones that replied to the RFP?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

We had -- we only had two people pick up the RFP's. And, again, they're the only ones that --

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Any reason why we only have two people? I mean, is it that there are limited companies out there? Or is that there -- you know, the perception is that they won't get the award? Explain to me what's going on here.

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

I think it's a bit of a niche, that only certain people are going to respond to. And we also have a very detailed RFP process that might scare some people off.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Okay. All right. We have a motion, right, Renee?

**MS. ORTIZ:**

Yes.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)**

**IR 1283** -- here's a good one **IR 1283, Appropriating funds in connection with improvements to the Vanderbilt Museum Planetarium (CP 7437). (Spencer)**, which Lance spoke about earlier.

**LEG. STERN:**

Motion to approve.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Motion by Legislator Stern, second by Legislator Horsley. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? I'm opposed. And no abstentions so it's a 3-1 vote with one absent. **(VOTE: 3-1-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)**

Okay, **1289, Authorizing the use of Makamah Preserve in Northport by Northport Running Club. (Spencer)** I'll make a motion. Need a second.

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

All right. Could we just have a brief explanation? Is this -- is this an event?

**COMMISSIONER DAWSON:**

Yes, this is a road race through the Park and they'll pay the customary \$250 fee.

**VICE CHAIR MONTANO:**

Got you. All right? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1. LEG. NOWICK ABSENT)**

And we are complete -- we have completed the agenda in record time. Okay. Committee is adjourned.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:39 PM  
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