

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

A meeting of the Parks and Recreation 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, February 3, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

Members Present:

William Lindsay III - Chair
Legislator Kara Hahn - Vice Chair
Legislator Leslie Kennedy
Legislator Steve Stern

Members Not Present:

Legislator Kevin McCaffrey

Also in Attendance:

Legislator Rob Calarco - 7th Legislative District
George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature
Jason Richberg - Clerk of the Legislature
Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Greg Dawson - Commissioner, Parks Department
Ali Nazir - Aide to Leg. Kennedy
Katie Horst - County Executive's Office
Rick Brand - Newsday
Lance Reinheimer - Director, Vanderbilt Museum

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Denise Weaver - Legislative Aide

(THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:38 PM)

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Good afternoon. Welcome to the first Parks and Recreation meeting for the new year. If we could all please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Kennedy.

Salutation

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Good afternoon. I'd like to begin with the public portion of the meeting and I have two comment cards. Anybody else in the audience that's interested in speaking if you can fill out a yellow comment card and we'd be happy to have you come up and speak for three minutes. Our first person is Dawn Hopkins. Good morning, Miss Hopkins.

MS. HOPKINS:

You're welcome to the -- work with Parks on behalf of Parks trustees I'm extending a warm welcome to all of you. I can tell you that the trustees meet the third Thursday of the month and in the winter months we're at Meadow Edge in West Sayville and in the summer and the spring we travel to different parks so we can see all the parks that are in Suffolk County. So I welcome you to attend our meetings and I'm pleased to meet you. Congratulations.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Thank you.

Our second speaker is Lance Reinheimer from the Vanderbilt Museum. Good afternoon, Lance.

MR. REINHEIMER:

Good afternoon. Thank you. I'm here for two reasons: the first is to speak on the behalf of the resolution to reappoint Tom Glascock as a trustee to the Vanderbilt Museum. I know as a reappointment the trustee doesn't have to be here but I think it's important as the Executive Director to stand up and tell you that Tom has been a contributing member to the board, wants to be on the board and is a valuable resource to us. So I support -- obviously support his appointment and I hope that you do too.

On another note, I just wanted to let you know I just got back from Albany yesterday. I was in Albany and met with members of -- some members of the Long Island delegation; Chad Lupinacci from South Huntington, Andy Raia from Huntington, Steve Englebright from Setauket, Fred Thiele from Sag Harbor and Margaret Markey from Queens who's the Chair of the Tourism Committee. And we came up there -- we went up there and there's a picture of our traveling classroom, it actually made it to Albany and back, without incident, and I'm real excited about that, that was the hardest part of the trip.

So we were in up there in conjunction with National Grid Foundation. National Grid Foundation has provided over \$50,000 to the museum to bring this classroom to the schools with needs throughout Long Island. We've been from Sag Harbor to Williamsburg and every place in-between. And I just was showcasing the vehicle for the members of the Long Island delegation to let them know that we're out there and we have a great outreach program that's a perfect connection for our planetarium.

And I also included the list of the children, students, that have gone through this program during the past two years and we've served over six -- about 6500 children, half of which have been funded by

National Grid Foundation. And I stressed when I was up there that when we meet our goals for the grants that we receive from National Grid Foundation, we continue to service schools with needs. We do not charge them, National Grid pays for that but when we meet our goals we still continue to go out to those schools with needs and other schools come to our planetarium and if they're financially stressed we let them come for free. I really feel that it's a mission of the museum to educate our children and to level the playing field and not to exclude children because their school district is under stress and can't come.

And so I just wanted to say a quick word of where I was yesterday and I'm proud of our educators and the programs that we have. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Thank you, Lance. Any questions? Thank you, Lance. We appreciate your presentation.

LEG. HAHN:

And, Lance, thanks for all that you do. We're proud to have you at the helm there.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

We don't have any presentations today. We have no tabled resolutions so we'll move onto introductory resolutions.

Introductory Resolutions

Starting with **Introductory Resolution 1004 - Authorizing the acceptance of a donation from the Central Pine Barrens Commission. (Browning)** I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Second by Legislator Stern. Any discussion? Not seeing any; all those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? The motion carries. ***Approved (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Leg. McCaffrey - Not Present)***

Introductory Resolution 1021 - Reappointing Thomas D. Glascock as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 9). (Pres. Off.) Motion by Legislator Stern.

LEG. KENNEDY:

Second.

CHAIRMAN LINDSAY:

Second by Legislator Kennedy. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? The motion carries. ***Approved (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Leg. McCaffrey - Not Present)***

Not having any other business here today, I move to adjourn the meeting. Thank you.

(THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12:43 PM)