

# Long Island Regional Planning Board

## Summary Minutes

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### **Meeting of November 7, 2007**

**Suffolk County Legislature Building, Veteran's Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY**

#### **LIRPB Board Members Present:**

John D. Cameron, Jr.

V. Elaine Gross

Theresa Sanders

Paul Tonna

Peter Elkowitz, appointed by Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, subject to confirmation by Suffolk County Legislative approval.

#### **Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Elizabeth Botwin representing Hon. Howard Weitzman

Janet Ioli, representing Hon. Joseph Sawicki

Patricia Bourne, Nassau County Planning Department

Thomas Isles, Suffolk County Planning Department

Arda Nazerian representing Hon. Tom Suozzi, Nassau County Executive

James Morgo, representing Hon. Steve Levy, Suffolk County Executive

Gilbert Anderson, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Michael E. White, Executive Director LIRPB

#### **Staff and Guests Present:**

Roy Fedelem, LIRPB

Seth Forman, LIRPB

Jackie Gross, NC Attorney's Office

Phyllis Seidman, SC Attorney's Office

Robert Brickman, NCPD

Davis Calone, SCPC

Michael Caplice, Office of NYS Comptroller

Matthew Cordaro, LIU/CW Post Campus

R. S. Deturk, RPA/LI Committee

Adrienne Esposito, Citizens Campaign for the Environment

Jane Fasullo, Sierra Club

Claire Fratello, LI Association

Dan Guluzio, SCPD

Michael Harrison, Office of NYS Governor

Deborah Herman, Building LI

Douglas Hill, Douglas Hill, P. E.

Robert Keeler, Newsday

Linda King, Nassau County Planning

Sarah Lansdale, Sustainable LI

Neal Lewis, LI Community Network

Barbara Roberts, SCPC

Julia Roberts, Vision LI

Joseph Sanseverino, SC Community Development

Lyle Sclair, Sustainable LI  
Robert Shinnick, Suffolk DPW  
Valerie Zurblis, Building LI

### **Meeting Commenced: 11:10 am**

- Acting Chairperson Cameron called the meeting to order.
- Acting Chairperson Cameron asked for approval of the minutes of the October 2, 2007 meeting.

*Minutes were approved unanimously, on motion of Paul Tonna, seconded by Elaine Gross.*

- Acting Chairperson Cameron asked for approval of the minutes of the October 23, 2007 meeting.

*Minutes were approved unanimously, on motion of Paul Tonna, seconded by Elaine Gross.*

### **Board Transitions**

#### **Elections**

- Chairperson

*John Cameron was unanimously elected Chairman on motion by Elaine Gross, seconded by Paul Tonna*

- Vice Chairperson

*Paul Tonna was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson on motion by Theresa Sanders, seconded by Elaine Gross.*

- John Cameron announced that Peter Elkowitz was present at the meeting today, and is Suffolk County Executive Levy's choice to fill the LIRPB seat vacated by James Larocca's departure.

### **Executive Director's Report – Michael White**

- Hofstra University has initiated a National Suburban Studies Center. Lawrence Levy is the Executive Director
- At the invitation of Michael Harrison, representing Governor Spitzer, Michael White and John Cameron met with regional representatives of several NYS departments to discuss cooperative communications and initiatives.
- Legislation in Suffolk County for the Long Island Regional Planning Council is proceeding and is currently before the Environment, Planning and Agriculture Committee on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- Efforts are underway to layout options and actions relevant to chartering the Long Island Regional Planning Council (LIRPC).
- Met with representatives of New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), Nassau County Planning Department and Suffolk County Planning Department regarding transportation issues. NYMTC may fund a planner through Nassau County for LIRPB.

### **Thomas Isles, SCPD**

- Suffolk County Planning Federation held its annual training program at Touro Law School for municipal officials, with support from LIRPB.
- SCPD released RFP for a Land Use and Transportation project funded by NYMTC and involving the Sagtikos State Parkway corridor.

- Currently examining proposals received for the Yaphank project in conjunction with the Town of Brookhaven.
- Using FAST TRACK to help expedite needed workforce housing.

#### **Presentation by Matthew Crosson, Long Island Association**

- According to LIA's study, "**Long Island's Shrinking Workforce**", LI is losing young people at an ever increasing rate
- "War for Talent" means LI must compete with other regions for human resources
- Affordable Housing is the #1 issue
- LI housing mix must change.
- A discussion ensued about proposed workforce housing legislation

#### **Presentation by Thomas Congdon, NYS Executive Chamber, State Energy Planning was postponed**

#### **Seth Forman, LIRPB**

- The report from Suffolk County's Commission to Evaluate School District Expenditures and Efficiency will be shared with the Board when officially released. One of the recommendations considered by the Commission is for the LIRPB to track information and compile annual report on school district expenditures and costs.

#### **Presentation by Roy Fedelem, SCPD**

- LIRPB became an affiliate of the New York State Data Center about 27 years ago
- Duties are to maintain local census bureau and related data, analyze it and distribute it.
- Respond to approximately 1600 queries per year.
- This work should continue in cooperation with Suffolk County Planning Department.

#### **Patricia Bourne, NCPD**

- The NCPC is presently working on revising its statutory provisions.
- Identified Growth Areas in Nassau County such as Nassau HUB, Visioning areas, and Northrup/Grumman.
- Announced Nassau County's first Empire Zone
- Establishing trails and has started with the Vanderbilt Old Motor Parkway using funds from the County's Environmental Bond Act.
- NC Planning Federation held its annual training event in October at NYIT.
- Bourne (NCPD), Isles (SCPD) and Michael White (LIRPB) have been meeting bi-weekly.

#### **Mission Statement**

- Drafts of three (3) possible mission statements were submitted to members
- Members should circulate comments via e-mail, in order to be ready to formally adopt a Mission Statement at the next meeting

#### **Revised Rules of Procedure**

- Seth Forman will provide a draft to the members
- Members should circulate comments via e-mail
- Attorneys for the counties will provide comments as well

## **Energy Summit Agenda**

- Discussion for December 2007 meeting to focus on the following:
  - LI's short and long term electrical power needs
  - Current availability of electrical power
  - Upcoming needs and technologies
  - Identifying shortfall
  - Plans to cover shortfall

## **Public Comments**

- Neal Lewis, Long Island Neighborhood Network, proposed
  - More attention to projects of Regional significance
  - Mini-study to analyze “what went wrong” on state led projects such as Downtown Hempstead, Intermodal transportation and the third track
  - Discussion of second LIRR track from Route 110 to Ronkonkoma

## **2008 Meeting Schedule and Agenda**

To be discussed at next meeting.

## **Adjournment.**

*At 1:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned*

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at Nassau County Legislature Building, One West Street, Mineola, at 10:00 a.m.

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