

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MINUTES

DATE: June 19, 2013

TIME: 9:35 am to 11:15 am

LOCATION: Arthur Kunz Library
H. Lee Dennison Bldg. – 4th Floor
Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York

PRESENT:

Gloria Russo, Chair
James Bagg, Vice-Chair
Eva Growney
Hon. Kara Hahn
Michael Kaufman
Dan Pichney
Mary Ann Spencer
Larry Swanson

ABSENT:

Thomas Gulbransen
Richard Machtay

CAC REPRESENTATIVES:

Joy Squires, Town of Huntington

STAFF:

Andrew Freleng, Chief Planner
John Corral, Planner
Christine DeSalvo, Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS:

Richard Martin, Director of Historic Services, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst, Suffolk County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Janet Longo, Acquisition Supervisor, Suffolk County Dept. of Economic Development & Planning

Jeff Dawson, Sr. Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works

Michael Pitcher, Director of Communications, Suffolk County Legislature

Debbie Tinnirello, Legislative Aide, 5th District

Steve Normandin, Project Manager, RBA Group

John Mileo, Civil Engineer, RBA Group

Bob Steele, Project Manager, LKMA

Keith Masseria, Civil Engineer, LKMA

John Perrotta, Project Manager, Nelson, Pope & Voorhis

Lara Urvat, Environmental Scientist, Nelson, Pope & Voorhis

Minutes:

Minutes for the May 22, 2013 CEQ meeting were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Kaufman to approve the May 22, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pichney. Mr. Bagg abstained. Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Public Portion:

None

Historic Trust Docket:

Director's Report:

Mr. Martin updated the Council on the following:

- **Housing Program:**

Mr. Martin noted that tenants have been found for two of the three County housing vacancies. Both the West Sayville Gate House and the Isaac Mills House in St. James will have tenants by July. Mr. Martin stated that there has not been

interest for the Robinson Duck Farm house and that site is being reviewed for a possible rent reduction. This is still under discussion by the Parks Department.

- **Custodial Agreements:**
Mr. Martin noted that the County is still working on the various custodial agreement contracts including for Sagtikos Manor and Deepwells Farm which are in negotiations with the County Attorney's office.

Mr. Martin informed the Council that he went to the Vanderbilt Museum and met with the Museum Director Lance Reinheimer to discuss the concessionaire contract that has been put forward to the Legislature. Mr. Martin reported that the points in the contract are general ideas and are not finalized with the exception of the catering and the tent for weddings. Mr. Martin noted that it is possible that the concessionaire/Museum may want to make the existing tent more permanent but the Director understands that this would need to be reviewed by the CEQ in addition to the Fire Marshall and the Suffolk County Department of Public Works.

Other possible items that are under negotiations are to put a café in the education center (the old garage building), a possible food service facility in the old laundry room of the main house, and a possible snack bar in the planetarium. Mr. Martin noted that these are not set plans but instead ideas being explored. Mr. Martin also noted that he told the Director that all building changes would have to come to the CEQ and that the Director understands this requirement.

It was noted that the legislative resolution for this concessionaire contract for the Vanderbilt Museum was tabled at the last legislative meeting.

Project Review:

Recommended Unlisted Actions:

- A. Proposed Pedestrian Safety Improvements on CR10, Elwood Road, Town of Huntington

A presentation by Jeff Dawson, Senior Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works and Steve Normandin, RBA Engineers provided an overview of the project to the Council. It was discussed that the project involves pedestrian safety measures, spot drainage improvements and existing roadway signage upgrades on CR 10, Elwood Road.

In response to questions on whether there is room for an identified bike lane it was explained that the roadway does not have the required room for a designated bike lane. Joy Squires requested that Stephen McGloin, Director of Transportation and Traffic Safety for the Town of Huntington be notified regarding the proposed action and the location of the work staging area. It was also requested by the Council that the Town and local residents be notified about the project and any related tree clearing.

Mr. Kaufman recused himself for this project.

Mr. Swanson made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion included that the Town of Huntington Director of Transportation and Traffic Safety, Stephen McGloin, will be notified regarding the proposed action and the location of the work staging area and that the local residents will be notified about the project and any related tree clearing. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. Proposed Improvements to CR92, Oakwood Road, from Craven Street to NYS Rte. 110, CP 5576, Town of Huntington

A presentation by Jeff Dawson, Senior Civil Engineer, Suffolk County Department of Public Works and Bob Steel, Project Manager from L.K. McLean Associates, P.C. provided an overview of the project to the Council. It was discussed that the project involves upgrades to pedestrian facilities along CR92 and High Street, rehabilitation/resurfacing of the existing pavement where required and improvements to the existing drainage system within the project limits.

Joy Squires reiterated that Stephen McGloin, Director of Transportation and Traffic Safety for the Town of Huntington should be notified regarding the proposed action and the location of the staging area for this project. It was also requested by the Council that the Town and local residents be notified about the project and any related tree clearing.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion included that the Town of Huntington Director of Transportation and Traffic Safety, Stephen McGloin, will be notified regarding the proposed action and the location of the work staging area and that the local residents will be notified about the project and any related tree clearing. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Proposed Shoreline Protection at Indian Island County Golf course Hole No. 5 Bulkhead, CP 7166, Town of Riverhead

John Perrotta, Project Manager for Nelson, Pope & Voorhis gave a presentation to the Council regarding the removal of a partially collapsed 200 foot long gabion stabilization structure and its replacement with vinyl bulkhead sheeting to stabilize the Indian Island Golf Course Hole No. 5.

It was noted that the golf course hole is up against the river and there is no option to “retreat back” by eliminating play or further reducing the golf course area.

Mr. Bagg made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed project as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion included that all necessary permits and approvals will be obtained from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation with respect to the reconstruction of the proposed bulkhead. Ms. Spencer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Country View Estates, Inc. Property, Town of Brookhaven

Ms. Laretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst with the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and the Environment made a presentation regarding the acquisition of the property known as the Country View Estates. This acquisition involves the purchase for open space preservation purposes of 24± acres of land by Suffolk County.

The Council discussed the Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments that were done for the property. It was clarified that as a result of the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment the identified 20 gallon drum had been removed from the property and the impacted soil had been placed in a sealed drum container and scheduled for removal. The Council requested that the property be free and clear of all debris prior to acquisition.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed acquisition as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion included that all debris will be removed from the property prior to acquisition. Ms. Growney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Proposed Acquisition for Open Space Preservation Purposes Known as the Society of St. Francis, American Province, Inc. Property – The Little Friary, Town of Brookhaven

Ms. Laretta Fischer, Principal Environmental Analyst with the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Planning and the Environment made a presentation regarding the acquisition of the property known as the Society of St. Francis, American Province, Inc. – The Little Friary. This acquisition involves the purchase for open space preservation purposes of 44.30± acres of land. The acquisition is a joint acquisition in which Suffolk County is responsible for 75% of the cost of acquisition and the Town of Brookhaven is responsible for 25 % of the cost of the acquisition.

Ms. Growney made a motion to recommend classification of the proposed acquisition as an Unlisted Action with a Negative Declaration. The motion included that all debris and the unauthorized children's play-set and rope swing that may be located on the southwest portion of the property be removed from the property prior to acquisition. Mr. Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recommendations for LADS Report:

A. Recommendations for Legislative Resolutions Laid on the Table June 4, 2013.

Mr. Kaufman abstained for the recommendation for I.R. 1453-2013

Mr. Bagg made a motion to accept staff recommendations as presented for the June 4, 2013 Legislative Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Spencer. Motion carried.

Public Portion:

No comments were presented at this time.

CAC Concerns:

Ms. Squires updated the Council on the New York State Department of Environment Conservation's New York State Association of Conservation Commissions (NYSACC)/ New York State Association of Environmental Management Councils (NYSAEMC) Update Meeting that took place on June 10, 2013.

Other Business:

Ms. Spencer inquired about the CEQ's request to send a letter to the Suffolk County Department of Public Works requesting the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) to do a Master Plan for Hubbard County Park. Mr. Corral informed the Council that staff has been working on the letter but there is a question regarding the status of the RFP and as a result staff has reached out to Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation regarding this issue. Mr. Gibbons stated that the Department of Parks felt it would be more appropriate for the correspondence to be sent to the Department of Parks rather than the Department of Public Works. As a result of this discussion Ms. Spencer requested that this letter be sent to the Suffolk County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation rather than the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Swanson updated the Council on his recent discussions with the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the issue of Fragmites.

Mr. Kaufman updated the Council on the Suffolk County Vector Control Pesticide Management Committee including its discussions on the Wetland Stewardship Plan and the Asian Tiger Mosquito.

Meeting Adjourned.