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AGENDA

August 2005 Meeting Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board

Wednesday, August 24, 2005
12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.

FORT ONTARIO
1 East Fourth Street
Oswego, New York

Chairman Paul Vickery Presiding

1. Call to Order P. Vickery
2. Approval of Day's Agenda and Minutes from the June 15, 2005 Meeting P. Vickery
3. Welcome to Oswego County Vice-Chairman, Oswego County Legislature G. Osetek
- Fort Ontario Historic Site Manager P. Lear
4. Feature Presentations:
Brownfield Redevelopment Program in Oswego County
Mr. Brian Frazier, Director, Oswego County Planning and Community Development
5. Executive Director's Report D. Bottar
6. Old/New Business P. Vickery
7. Adjournment P. Vickery
8. Oswego Harbor Boat Tour



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MINUTES
CNY RPDB Board Meeting
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ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Lawrence Baker, Daniel Dineen, Brian Frazier, Theodore Jerrett, John Kruk, Mary Messinger, David Miller, Arthur Ospelt, Royden Parratt, Ann Petrus, James Rafte, Clarence Rycraft, William Southern, Frederick Talbot, Walter Tennant, Michael Treadwell, Bruce Trexler, Paul Vickery, and Stephen Zabriskie.

Guests: Joe Allerton, Fulton EMC; Barbara Brown, Oswego County Legislator; Peter Cann, Madison County Industrial Development Authority; Ron and Kathy Darrow, Oswego County Planning Board; Donna Lee Falciatano, Oswego Co. Planning & Community Development; Delen Goldberg, Post-Standard; John Gosek, Mayor, City of Oswego; Christine Gray, Oswego Co. Dept. of Promotion & Tourism; Sharon Griffin, Oswego Co. Planning & Community Development; John Guariglia, Saratoga Associates; Daryl Hayden, Mayor, City of Fulton; Steve Kearney, City of Syracuse Brownfield Coordinator; Sherry LaFlame, Oswego Co. Planning & Community Development; Paul Lear, Fort Ontario; John Manasseri, Oswego County Planning Board; Thomas McAuslan, Port of Oswego Authority; Luke McKenney, ENSR; Lauren McMurray-Boyle, ENSR; Robert Moses, Bond, Schoeneck & King; Larry Perras, SUNY Oswego; Christy Rosenbarker, ENSR; Paul Santore, Oswego County Legislator; Anthony Saracini, Strategic Environmental; Kimberly Seager, Oswego County Legislator; Terry Smith, Oswego County Planning Board; Robert Somers, Oswego County Planning Board; Morris Sorbello; Dan Sweetland, Office of Assemblyman Barclay; Sean Treacy, Palladium Times; David Turner, City of Oswego Community Development; Mary Vanouse, City of Oswego Community Development;

Staff: Kathleen Bertuch, David Bottar, Carol Faucher, Stephanie Harrington, Bruce Keplinger, Kristy LaManche, Benjamin Manton, Lisa Meaney, and Anne Saltman.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Paul Vickery called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. at the Historic Fort Ontario site in Oswego and stated that a quorum was present.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA/MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15TH MEETING**

Chairman Vickery asked if Board members had any changes to the day's agenda and minutes from the June 15, 2005 meeting. Hearing no comments, Chairman Vickery asked for a motion to approve the day's agenda and minutes from the June 2005 meeting as presented, so moved by Mr. Rycraft; seconded by Mr. Southern; unanimous approval.

3. **WELCOME TO OSWEGO COUNTY**

Chairman Vickery introduced Oswego County Legislator Paul Santore who welcomed Board members and guests to Oswego County.

Chairman Vickery then introduced Fort Ontario Historic Site Manager Paul Lear. Mr. Lear also welcomed Board members and guests to Oswego County and gave a brief presentation on the history of Fort Ontario.

4. **FEATURE PRESENTATIONS**

Brownfield Redevelopment Program in Oswego County

Chairman Vickery introduced Oswego County Planning & Community Development Director Brian Frazier, who presented an overview on Oswego County's Brownfield Redevelopment Program to Board members and guests.

Mr. Frazier noted that in an effort to stimulate economic growth and to improve the local image, Oswego County initiated a brownfields program several years ago. The Brownfield's program makes funding available to study various properties known or suspected to be contaminated, thereby relieving the financial burden on a potential developer or site owner. The County applied for federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants to tackle potentially contaminated properties within the canal corridor and establish redevelopment plans. The canal corridor area begins at Three Rivers in southern Oswego County and extends to Lake Ontario. Municipalities included in this corridor include the Cities of Oswego and Fulton, Towns of Granby, Schroepel, Minetto, and Volney, and the Village of Phoenix.

In 2003, Oswego County received \$400,000 in federal funds to study abandoned industrial and commercial properties along the canal corridor. Many of the properties along the canal corridor that are vacant or under-utilized were once home to manufacturing facilities and businesses. The grant provided funding to allow the county to hire an environmental engineering consultant, ENSR, to inventory and assess the sites. ENSR identified over 125 Brownfield sites in the county. County officials narrowed the field down to 14 sites based on several factors including the affect on economic development and quality of life, potential for re-use, access to existing infrastructure, economic opportunities, and job creation.

Mr. Frazier stated that the Brownfield initiatives complement the Erie Canalway National

Heritage Corridor project. The Oswego River Canal corridor is also being considered for funding through the National Heritage Corridor program.

In 2005, Oswego County received an additional \$50,000 in funds through the NYS Brownfields Opportunity Area program to fund additional assessments of brownfields as the county prepares an economic feasibility study of the area. The grant will allow the county to fully analyze the environmental, real estate, and economic data gathered during the inventory of brownfield sites and will also prioritize those sites for economic development.

In conclusion, Mr. Frazier stated that his department will continue to submit applications for state and federal funding. It is anticipated that within one year Phase II of the Environmental Site Assessments will be completed. A complete draft of the Brownfield Opportunities Assessment report will be completed in December 2006.

City of Oswego Waterfront Initiatives

Chairman Vickery introduced City of Oswego Mayor John Gosek. Mayor Gosek also welcomed Board members and guests to the City of Oswego. Mayor Gosek noted, the City of Oswego is divided by a river and sits on the shore of Lake Ontario, which offers great opportunity for waterfront development. The City is defined by its location adjacent to the water and therefore the waterfront area is of vital importance to the people for economic development and tourism. Mayor Gosek highlighted several waterfront facilities located along Lake Ontario including Wright's Landing Marina, Oswego River Walk West, and Oswego River Walk East which allows for picnicking, fishing, walking, jogging, or resting along the Oswego River. In conclusion, Mayor Gosek encouraged Board members and guests to tour the local shops, restaurants, and sites that have been developed in the area.

5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director David Bottar thanked various representatives from Oswego County and the City of Oswego for hosting today's meeting. Mr. Bottar praised the numerous revitalization projects completed in the area.

Mr. Bottar acknowledged the efforts of Mr. David Turner, Director of Community Development for the City of Oswego and Ms. Christine Gray, Director of Promotion and Tourism for Oswego County. Mr. Bottar stated that Oswego County is a great example of what can be accomplished when State, federal, and local officials work together to achieve one common goal.

6. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no old/new business to report at the meeting.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Vickery thanked everyone for attending. Chairman Vickery adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Board members and guests toured the Oswego Harbor on a tugboat.