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AGENDA

October 2005 Meeting Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board

Wednesday, October 19, 2005
Noon – 1:30 p.m.

CNY RPDB
Lower Level Conference Room
100 Clinton Square, Syracuse, New York

Chairman Paul Vickery, Presiding

1. Call to Order P. Vickery
2. Approval of Day's Agenda and Minutes from the August 24, 2005 Meeting P. Vickery
3. Feature Presentation
➤ Erie Canal Greenway C. Mantello
4. Executive Director's Report D. Bottar
➤ Nominations for Rhea Eckel Clark Award
➤ 2006 Nominations Committee
➤ Annual Meeting – December 14, 2005
5. Old/New Business P. Vickery
➤ Adoption of Resolution – Passing of Floyd Boynton
6. Adjournment P. Vickery



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MINUTES

CNY RPDB Board Meeting October 19, 2005

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Lawrence Baker, Daniel Dineen, David Elleman, Brian Frazier, Theodore Jerrett, Russell Lura, Joe Mareane, Mary Messinger, David Miller, Arthur Ospelt, Ann Petrus, James Rafte, Kathleen Rapp, Danny Ross, William Southern, Frederick Talbot, Bruce Trexler, Paul Vickery, and Stephen Zabriskie.

Guests: Matt Furman, Office of U.S. Senator Charles Schumer; Charlotte Holstein, FOCUS Greater Syracuse; Anthony Kolinski, Empire State Development Corporation; Sharon Leighton, NYS Canal Corporation; Carmella Mantello, NYS Canal Corporation; Josh Materese, Office of U.S. Senator Charles Schumer; Jack Miller, Madison County Planning Department; Kelly O'Brien, Office of Assemblywoman Joan Christensen.

Staff: Kathleen Bertuch, David Bottar, Jon Christopher, Carol Faucher, Bruce Keplinger, Kristy LaManche, Benjamin Manton, Lisa Meaney, Karen Novak, Michael Rosanio, and Anne Saltman.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Paul Vickery called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. at the office of the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board (CNY RPDB) and stated that a quorum was present.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA/MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2005 MEETING**

Chairman Vickery asked if Board members had any changes to the day's agenda and minutes from the August 23, 2005 meeting. Hearing no comments, Chairman Vickery asked for a motion to approve the day's agenda and minutes from the August 2005 meeting as presented, so moved by Mrs. Petrus; seconded by Mr. Jerrett; unanimous approval.

3. **FEATURE PRESENTATION**

Executive Director David Bottar introduced the day's feature speaker Ms. Carmella Mantello, Director, New York State Canal Corporation who outlined the Erie Canal Greenway program.

The Erie Canal Greenway seeks to incorporate a regional approach to land use planning, tourism, recreational trail development, and other collaborative initiatives. The purpose of the Erie Canal Greenway is to strengthen local ties across the canal corridor and to protect and enhance the natural and cultural resources for future generations. The concept behind the Greenway program is to partner with local communities and to assist them in grassroots planning to balance economic and environmental resources. In an effort to gather input and ideas from local officials, community and business leaders, and other interested agencies, Ms. Mantello has been touring areas along the canal to obtain local input.

A New York State Canal Corporation Interagency Task Force was developed to establish the Erie Canal Greenway and to evaluate certain duties of the Canal Corporation. Objectives of the task force include developing recommendations for creating a new Greenway. The task force is expected to submit its recommendations to Governor Pataki by December 31, 2005. The Governor will then use the recommendations to draft legislation for creating the Erie Canal Greenway, which is expected to be submitted to the State Legislature next year. Members of the Task Force include the New York State Thruway Authority, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, Empire State Development, Office of General Services, Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Conservation, Department of State, and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (National Park Service).

Lastly, Ms. Mantello stated that the Canal Corporation has invested \$13 million to develop seven canal harbors and \$20 million for 14 canalway trail projects, including 98 miles of new construction. In partnership with other state agencies, the Canal Corporation has also helped to implement more than \$200 million in local projects along the canal system. At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Mantello responded to several questions from the audience.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director David Bottar stated he is in the process of meeting with each legislative body regarding the CNY RPDB's 2006 budget request from its member counties.

Mr. Bottar noted that nominations are being accepted for the annual Rhea Eckel Clark Award. This award allows the CNY RPDB to recognize an individual or organization affecting positive community change in the CNY Region. Deadline for the receipt of nominations is October 28, 2005. The award will be presented at the Board's Annual meeting in December.

Mr. Bottar stated that program committees will convene on November 16, 2005 to review

work conducted over the past year and to establish a work plan for 2006. The meeting schedule is identified below:

Environmental Management Committee – 9:00 a.m.
Land Use/Transportation Committee – 10:30 a.m.
Executive Committee – 12:00 noon
Economic Development Committee – 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Bottar asked members to mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, at the Wyndham Hotel.

Lastly, Mr. Bottar introduced new staff member Mr. Michael Rosanio. Mr. Rosanio will be responsible for administering the Board's regional loan fund. Mr. Rosanio brings to the CNY RPDB an extensive background in both public and private finance. We welcome Mr. Rosanio to the staff.

6. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Vickery announced that he has appointed the 2006 Nominating Committee. Board Members serving on this Committee include Stephen Zabriskie, representing Cayuga County; James Murphy representing Cortland County; James Rafte representing Madison County; William Southern, representing Onondaga County; and Theodore Jerrett representing Oswego County. The Committee will meet on November 2, 2005.

Chairman Paul Vickery presented to members a resolution noting the passing of former Oswego County Board member Floyd Boynton. Mr. Boynton served on the CNY RDPB from June 1995 through January 2001. Mr. Zabriskie asked that his tenure be documented in the resolution. After reviewing the resolution and noting Mr. Zabriskie's request, Chairman Vickery asked for a motion to approve the resolution noting Mr. Boynton's tenure on the Board, so moved by Mr. Ospelt; seconded by Mrs. Petrus; unanimous approval.

Chairman Paul Vickery announced that Cayuga County Board Member David Miller will be retiring as Cayuga County Planning Director effective December 31, 2005.

Lastly, Chairman Paul Vickery announced that Madison County Board Member and Madison County Legislative Chairman Rocco DiVeronica was appointed President of the New York State Association of Counties.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Vickery thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.