



Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board
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AGENDA

2005 Annual Meeting Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board

Wednesday, December 14, 2005
Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Wyndham Hotel
Harbour Ballroom
6301 Route 298, East Syracuse, New York

Chairman Paul Vickery, Presiding

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| 1. | Welcome – Holiday Luncheon @ 12:00 noon | P. Vickery |
| 2. | Approval of Annual Meeting Agenda / Minutes from the October Board Meeting | P. Vickery |
| 3. | Executive Director's Annual Report | D. Bottar |
| 4. | Guest Presentation: Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior | F. Dean |
| 5. | Presentation of 21 st Annual Rhea Eckel Clark Citizenship Award | A. Petrus |
| 6. | Election of Officers | J. Murphy |
| 7. | Old / New Business | P. Vickery |
| 8. | Adjournment | P. Vickery |



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MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Lawrence Baker, Daniel Dineen, Rocco DiVeronica, David Elleman, Theodore Jerrett, John Kruk, Russell Lura, Mary Ann Messinger, David Miller, James Murphy, Royden Parratt, Ann Petrus, James Rafté, Danny Ross, Clarence Rycraft, Joseph Slivinski, William Southern, Frederick Talbot, Walter Tennant, L. Michael Treadwell, Bruce Trexler, Paul Vickery, and Stephen Zabriskie.

Guests: Brian Anderson, National Grid Co.; Russ Andrews; Amanda Barber, Cortland Co. SWCD; Nancy Bellow, SUNY Oswego Center for Business & Comm. Development, Douglas Bennett, Chase Bank; Barbara Blanchard, Tompkins Co. Legislator; Robert Brower, IAGT; Peter Cann, Madison Co. IDA; Jeff Carmichael, Onondaga Co. SWCD; Patricia Cerro-Reehil, NYWEA; Linda Clark, National Grid Co.; Frank Dean, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor; Jennifer Drumluk, Cornell Center for Technology; Steve Eidt, NYS DEC; John Ferrante, NYS DEC; Christine Gray, Oswego Co. Dept. of Tourism; Robert Hennigan, NYWEA; Gregory Hitchin, Onondaga Co. Dept. of Economic Development; Walt Jaquay, Madison Co. Board of Supervisors; Steve Kearney, City of Syracuse Dept. of Economic Development; Karen Kitney, SOCPA; John LaGorga, Stearns & Wheler, LLC; Jack Loveland, COMCO Development Corporation; Carolyn May, Onondaga Co. Dept. of Economic Development; Jacob Miller, Madison Co. Planning Department; Bernadette Mroz, SUNY Oswego Center for Business & Comm. Development; Nancy Neeham, Village of Fayetteville; Mike Nesci, Office of NYS Assemblyman William Magnarelli; Kelly O'Brien, Office of NYS Assemblywoman Joan Christenson; Marcia Rafté; Trish Ottley-Riter, Cayuga Co. Dept. of Planning & Development; Barbara Rivette, Town of Manlius; Kimberly Seager, Oswego Co. Legislator; Robert Simpson, Metropolitan Development Association; Morris Sorbello; Dale Sweetland, Onondaga Co. Legislative Chairman; Don Western, Onondaga Co. Dept. of Economic Development; and John Zawadzki, Partners Trust Bank.

Staff: Kathleen Bertuch, David Bottar, Jon Christopher, Mario Colon, James D'Agostino, Jennifer Deshaies, Carol Faucher, Stephanie Harrington, Bruce Keplinger, Danielle Krol, Kristy Lamanche, Lisa Meaney, Karen Novak, Mary Rowlands, Anne Saltman, Mary Schneider, Theresa Stephen, and Patricia Wortley.

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BUSINESS MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Paul Vickery called the annual meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. at the Wyndham Syracuse Hotel, East Syracuse, New York and stated that a quorum was present.

2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA/OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Vickery asked if Board members had any changes to the day's agenda and minutes from the October 2005 board meeting. Hearing none, Chairman Vickery accepted the day's agenda and minutes as presented.

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Executive Director David Bottar opened his remarks by thanking the members of the Board and the Executive Committee for their time and support for the agency's mission and work. Mr. Bottar then presented two distinguished service awards to David Miller, Director of the Cayuga County Department of Planning and Development, and Bruce Trexler, Commissioner of the Onondaga County Department of Transportation.

Mr. Bottar then highlighted some important planning activities in Central New York including the Syracuse Lakefront Harbor development, brownfields redevelopment initiatives, Owasco riverfront revitalization project, and preparation of comprehensive plans to assist communities with various revitalization projects. Mr. Bottar briefly noted that the CNY RPDB continued its project development work by securing a grant to assist the Cortland County Industrial Development Agency in preparing a master plan for the development of a 260-acre business park in the Town of Cortlandville.

Mr. Bottar also noted that the CNY RPDB continued efforts to support the growth of small businesses through the administration of its CNY Enterprise Development Fund and continued its efforts to complete the annual update of the Central New York Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

In environmental management, Mr. Bottar noted the agency focused its efforts on helping communities implement a stormwater management program in CNY, develop plans for restoration of Lake Neatahwanta, public education initiatives for Oneida Lake, and ongoing assistance with restoration of Onondaga Lake.

In the area of land use and transportation planning, the CNY RPDB continues to work with local officials to introduce innovative concepts to address transportation and access management issues in communities. Waterfront revitalization efforts continue to receive a

strong amount of support from the CNY RPDB.

Mr. Bottar concluded his remarks by noting the agency will have a very active planning program in 2006.

4. **FEATURE PRESENTATION**

Mr. Bottar introduced the day's featured speaker, Mr. Frank Dean, Executive Director of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor. In his remarks, Mr. Dean provided historical information on the Erie Canal and highlighted the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor established by Congress. Legislation mandates that the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor build upon existing plans; solicit public comment; work with federal, state, and local authorities; develop a preservation and management plan; preserve and interpret significant historic, cultural, and natural resources; enhance recreational development; and encourage tourism and economic development. The Erie Canalway Corridor consists of 234 communities, 524 miles of navigable waterways, and 2.7 million people in 4,834 square miles.

Mr. Dean then highlighted the goals of the management and preservation plan. The goals include:

- The Corridor's historic and distinctive sense of place will be widely recognized and consistently protected.
- The Corridor's natural resources will achieve the highest standards of environmental quality.
- The Corridor's recreation opportunities will achieve maximum scope and diversity, in harmony with the protection of heritage resources.
- Current and future generations of Corridor residents and visitors will appreciate and support preservation of the Corridor's heritage.
- Economic growth and heritage development in the Corridor will be balanced and self-sustaining.
- The Corridor will be a "must-do" travel experience for regional, national, and international visitors.

5. **PRESENTATION OF THE 2005 RHEA ECKEL CLARK AWARD**

Vice-Chair Ann Petrus provided background and historical information on the Rhea Eckel Clark Citizenship Award. Ms. Petrus announced that this year's recipient of the 2005 Rhea Eckel Clark Award is John Zawadzki. Mr. Zawadzki accepted the award and stated that he was honored to receive this distinguished award and thanked the members of the Board.

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chairman Vickery asked CNY RPDB Nominating Committee Member Theodore Jerrett to present his report to the full Board on the 2006 slate of officers.

On behalf of the members of this year's nominating committee, Mr. Jerrett presented the following slate of officers for 2006: for the office of Chairman, Paul Vickery of Oswego County; for the office of Vice-Chair, Frederick Talbot of Madison County; for the office of Vice-Chair, Kathleen Rapp of Onondaga County; for the office of Vice-Chair, Walter Tennant of Cortland County; for the office of Vice-Chair, Ann Petrus of Cayuga County, and for the office of Secretary/Treasurer, David Elleman of Onondaga County.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Jerrett's report, Chairman Vickery accepted the nominations on behalf of the Board and then asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, James Murphy moved acceptance of the 2006 slate of officers as presented by the Nominations Committee, seconded by William Southern, unanimous approval.

7. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

There was no old/new business to report.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Vickery extended holiday wishes and thanked everyone for attending this year's annual meeting. The meeting was then adjourned at 1:40 p.m.