

HOST COMMUNITIES

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 7, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Niagara County Department of Economic Development

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive
Sanborn, New York 14132

Representatives Present:

Mark Laurrie	Niagara Falls City School District
Andrew Krazmien	Lewiston Porter School District
Lou Paonessa	New York Power Authority
Tom Burgasser, Esq.	Niagara County
Scott Hapeman, Esq.	Niagara Wheatfield School District
Lee Wallace, Supervisor	Town of Niagara
Steve Broderick, Supervisor	Town of Lewiston
Thomas O'Donnell, Esq., Acting Chairperson	City of Niagara Falls

Alternates/Guests:

Sherry Shepherd-Corulli	City of Niagara Falls
Jackie Siegmann	Town of Niagara

Staff Present:

Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary
Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody – via Teleconference
Samuel M. Ferraro, Executive Director/Commissioner - Niagara County Center for Economic Development

1.0 Call to Order

Acting Chairperson O'Donnell called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni called the roll. A quorum was met

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chairperson O'Donnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Introductions

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

5.1 April 15, 2016

5.2 June 7, 2016

Acting Chairperson O'Donnell stated that the minutes will be voted on at the next meeting in order to allow members time to review them.

5.0 City of Niagara Falls

**5.1 Centennial Circle – Sherry Shepherd-Corulli
(Determined Consistent by NRCG on 9/16/2008; Approved for funding in the amount of \$335,000 by HCSC on 2/26/2009; Requesting Additional Funding in the amount of \$150,000)**

Ms. Corulli explained that the Centennial Circle project was stalled for several years due to funding issues that were finally resolved in 2015 when work began by engaging the services of a public art curator to assist the selection committee in identifying a list of artists for proposals for the artwork to be installed at the Circle. Expenditures total \$393,086 to date for the artwork, exploratory excavation and engineering services. Remaining funds are allocated for finish work at the site and installation of the artwork. Engineers have determined that it is necessary to relocate three water lines under the Circle. The cost to relocate and consolidate those lines from under the Circle to the street is estimated at \$150,000. The City is requesting approval from the HCSC for that funding.

Mr. Widger stated that since the project was previously found consistent in 2008 and 2009, there is no question on procedural regularity and the cost of moving the water lines is in the scope of the original project, even though not included in the first proposal.

A motion was made by Mr. Burgasser, seconded by Mr. Hapeman, to approve the additional funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the City of Niagara Falls' Centennial Circle project.

A roll call vote was taken.

<i>Town of Lewiston</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Town of Niagara</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Lewiston Porter</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>City of Niagara Falls</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Niagara-Wheatfield</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Niagara County</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>New York Power Authority</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>
<i>Niagara Falls Schools</i>	<u><i>Yes</i></u>

The resolution was thereupon approved.

6.0 Any Other Matters – there were no other matters at this time.

7.0 Next Meeting: September 27, 2016 - 12:00 p.m.

8.0 Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni
Recording Secretary