

HOST COMMUNITIES

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – 12:30 p.m.

Niagara County Department of Economic Development

6311 Inducon Corporate Drive
Sanborn, New York 14132

Representatives Present:

Mark Laurrie	Niagara Falls City School District
Paul Casseri, Superintendent	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, VICE CHAIRPERSON	Town of Niagara
Steve Broderick, Supervisor	Town of Lewiston
Thomas O'Donnell, Esq., CHAIRPERSON	City of Niagara Falls

Alternates/Guests:

Patty Brosius, Director, NT Dept of Youth, Recreation, Parks	North Tonawanda - Presenter
Michael Zimmerman, Executive Director, LCDC	North Tonawanda
Jackie Siegmann	Town of Niagara
Jeanne Leccese, Director	Niagara River Greenway Commission
Tom Prohaska	Buffalo News

Staff Present:

Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary
Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody

1.0 Call to Order

Chairperson O'Donnell called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni called the roll.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson O'Donnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Introductions

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2017

Mr. Paonessa made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hapeman, to approve the meeting minutes of January 31, 2017. Motion passed.

6.0 Niagara County

6.1 City of North Tonawanda – Raymond Klimek Veterans Park Bandshell – M. Zimmerman (Determined Consistent by NRCG on 3/21/2017; Approved for funding in the amount of \$90,000 by Niagara County on 11/15/2016)

Mr. Zimmerman introduced Patty Brosius, Director of the North Tonawanda Department of Youth, Recreation, and Parks. Ms. Brosius explained that the Raymond Klimek Veterans Park in North Tonawanda is a waterfront park on River Road that offers fishing, two picnic pavilions, a playground and memorials to the US Navy and US Marine Corps. The park is also host of a weekly Easy Listening Summer Concert series. To accommodate these concerts, a temporary stage is placed on site for each event. This project will purchase and install a permanent wood bandshell structure 47 feet by 26 feet that would allow the City to host additional concerts, along with a wider variety of community events. This is part of the City's plan to improve public access and utilize the Niagara River waterfront.

6.0 Niagara County (Continued...)

**6.1 City of North Tonawanda – Raymond Klimek Veterans Park Bandshell – M. Zimmerman
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In addition to the Easy Listening Concerts, the permanent bandshell is planned to house events such as outdoor fitness classes, free family movie nights, youth theater performances, and additional summertime concerts. It can also be rented by the public for wedding receptions, company picnics, or charitable events.

This project was deemed consistent by the Niagara River Greenway Commission on March 21, 2017 and approved for funding in the amount of \$90,000 by Niagara County in November 2016.

Mr. Widger stated that the project has met all procedural requirements.

A motion was made by Mr. Burgasser and seconded by Mr. Wallace, to approve funding for the Raymond Klimek Veterans Park Bandshell in the amount of \$90,000.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

The resolution was thereupon approved.

7.0 Any other Matters

7.1 Minutes of NRGC Meeting: March 21, 2017 (*Informational Only*)

8.0 Next Meeting: June 6, 2017 - 12:00 p.m.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Hapeman, seconded by Mr. Burgasser. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni

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