



NY – CT Sustainable Communities Consortium
Steering Committee and Town Hall Meeting
Friday, December 9 2011
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Police Headquarters Auditorium
1490 Franklin Avenue, Mineola NY

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Steering Committee

Gerry Bogacz (NYMTC); Floyd Lapp (SWRPA); Sarah Goldwyn (NYCDCP); Chris Jones (RPA); Brian Bidolli (GBVMPO) Jeffery Williams (City of Mount Vernon); Satish Sood (Nassau County) , City of New Rochelle; Sarah Lansdale (Suffolk County); John Camron (LIRPC); Mike Freimuth (City of New Rochelle); Rick Dunne (VCOG); David Kooris (RPA); Andy Freleng (Suffolk County);

Advisory Board Members

Debra Devine (New York State Homes and Community Renewal) W. David Levasseur (CT Policy and Management)

Consortium Members

Robert Paley (MTA); Beth Potter (GBRPA); Brian Dennis (RPA); Dania Rawdall (LIRPC); Larry Mcauliffe (NYMTC); Lisa Broughton (Suffolk County); Mary Catherines (Long Island Railroad); (Nassau DPW); Scott Howell (Long Island Railroad); Sherry Southe (NYMTC);

Other Attendees

Jennifer Cribbs (Department of Housing and Urban Development); Amanda Scott (ABLI); Christopher McBride (AAA New York); Copa Kelly (Village of Mineola); David Berg (Camron Engineering); David Fields (Nelson\Nygaard); Deb Colton (DebCo. INC.); Donna Boyce (Sustainable Long Island); Douglas Hill (Stony Brook); Eric Alexander (Vision LI); Henry Halley (The Halley Grove Inc.); Jay Korth (Catholic Charities); Jean Celender (Village of Great Neck Plaza); Jeanine Maynard (Uniondale Community Council); John Cama (Camron Engineering); John Ellsworth (Town of Oyster Bay); John Stalzer (Hirani Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C.); Juliana R Dubovsky (Pratt Institute Programs for Sustainable Planning & Development); Kathleen Murray (Village of RVC); Kathy Sefchek (Town of Hempstead); Ken Paskar (AvTeam); Lorraine Danser (Uniondale Community Council); Martin Katz Mayor Horn (Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.) Meghan Sloan (GBRC); Michael Salatti (Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.); Neal Lewis (Sustainability Institute at Molloy College); Olivia Ildefonso (Erase Racism); Padriac Steinschneider (Gotham); Pat Maher (East Meadow); Patti Roune (Kennel Foundation); Petr Stand (Magnusson Architectue and Planning); Phil Healey (Village of Lynbrock); Ralph Healey (Town of Oyster Bay); Robert Trentlyen (Manhattan Community Board 4); Rosa Vehelle (Village of Garden City); Sandra Acosta (Aim Development Group); Sharon Mullon (Long Island Community Foundation); Stu Weinstein (T.O.H.C.C.); Stuart Meck (Bloustein School-Rutgers) William B. Kuhl (Saratoga Associates); William Stoner (AARP)

CONSORTIUM PROCEEDINGS:

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Floyd Lapp opened with introductory remarks by welcoming all of the attendees to the town hall and steering committee meeting. He briefly described the Sustainable Communities program and the Consortium. Floyd Lapp introduced Sara Goldwyn who reviewed the morning's agenda.

2. ROLL CALL

Chris Jones took roll call. A quorum was reached for New York but not for Connecticut. Action Items for the Steering Committee were not undertaken.

3. FEDERAL AND STATE SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Jennifer Cribbs, Regional Sustainability representative for HUD, made opening remarks on the purpose of the Sustainable Communities Program. She also touched on the usefulness of the Preferred Sustainability Status and encouraged interests to apply. Jennifer also reviewed the Community Challenge grant and Regional Planning Grants and related them to the six livability principle.

Debra Devine, policy and research director of the New York State Department of Homes and Community Renewal provided the state perspective. State agencies have been thoroughly involved with the Sustainable Communities program. Long Island was award for having one of the best regional economic strategic plans in which they received 101.6 million dollar for 66 projects. Debra reported on other relevant state agency programs such as Green buildings Initiative, Land Banks and Location Efficient Mortgages.

4. PRESENTATION: PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, GOALS AND MILESTONES

Gerry Bogacz reviewed the goals and milestones of the SCI Consortium. The Consortium's effort plans to address the silos at the local, state and regional level. One goal of the program is to prepare a regional plan for sustainable development. In addition to these regional wide plans, there are placed base projects which express the regional vision at the local level.

Chris Jones reviewed the overarching concerns for the Long Island region in order to provide attendees with talking context in the break out session. The concerns orient around providing more jobs, building more mixed income housing, better job access for the poor, Fair Share housing, climate change and government regulations.

Sean Sallie presented on the infill development place based project in Nassau County. There are almost 8,300 acres of vacant land around Long Island rail stations. These parcels of land could be used for site specific development to diversity the housing stock around rail stations and also to lower carbon foot print. Public outreach on this project has begun; there will be working group meetings, in January, with community organization and civic leaders.

Sara Lansdale presented on the Transfer of Development rights study in Suffolk County. This program pulls development values off open space and farmland and applies it to downtown areas. TDR is used to promote the development of affordable housing in down areas near transit. It also helps to preserve drinking water and open space. Initial research has been completed.

5. BREAK-OUT DISCUSSION

The breakout groups convene at 11:00am. There were six tables which all tackled a list of questions:

- What would you like to see most of this initiative?
- How we will know it's a success?
- What other local and Long Island efforts should we connect to, and how?
- How would you like to stay involved?

- How should we get others involved?

6. REPORTS FROM BREAK-OUT

7. REPORTS ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

David reported on request for proposals. Three RFPs have been released for New Rochelle, Stamford and Bridgeport. They are in various stages of review. Consultants for those three RFPs will be awarded in the early part of 2012

8. ACTION ITEMS

Items of the steering committee were not acted upon because a quorum was not reached for the northern sector of the consortium.

9. DEVELOPMENT ITEMS

Other development items were presented by Gerry Bogacz; he spoke to the Memorandum of Agreement and other items that require action, such as the management of Consortium data. A resolution will be introduced at the next meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA

The next meeting for the Sustainable Communities Steering Committee is scheduled for March 9th. This Meeting will be hosted in the Hudson Valley.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Jones
Secretary