

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
November 9, 2021

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 via Zoom Videoconferencing.

Members Present: K. Wildoner (Chair), M. Pasquale, J. Shaw, K. Myers, S. Ryan.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Hilderbrant M. Kaminsky, C. O'Brien, K. Beebe, B. Weslar M. Tanzini, R. O'Donnell, J. Scott, A. Martin Legislature; J. Garnar, C. Wagner, M. Ponticiello, County Executive; J. Knebel, OMB; Broome County Mental Health; C. Cortright, Medicaid; N. Williams, J. Sullivan, K. White, DSS; J. LaVare, Probation; E. Woidt, Parks; M. McFadden, Health Department; M. Whitcombe, OFA; B. Lucas, Planning; B. Murphy, OET; R. LaClair, WPNH; V. Gialanella, Resident.

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:18 PM. Mr. Pasquale made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Ms. Myers.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#1 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ZOOS, BOTANICAL GARDENS & AQUARIUM PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND YOUTH SERVICES FINCH HOLLOW NATURE CENTER PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND YOUTH SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2021-2026](#)

Responding to a question from Ms. Ryan, Ms. Woidt stated that this renews the contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension to run Finch Hollow Nature Center.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#2 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SPIEDIE FEST AND BALLOON RALLY EXPO, INC. FOR USE OF OTSININGO PARK FOR THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS FOR 2021-2022](#)

Responding to a question from Ms. Myers, Ms. Woidt stated that all revenue will go back to Spiedie Fest for future fests.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF STATE AID FOR THE YOUTH BUREAU'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND RUNAWAY HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAMS FOR 2022

Responding to a question from Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Woidt stated that there were two new programs, Big Brother and Big Sister.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#4 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS LEAD AGENCY AND ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE STURGES STREET MEMORIAL GARDEN PROJECT

Responding to a question from Ms. Kaminsky, Ms. Lucas stated that there was no time frame for this project, but she is looking for next spring or summer. Ms. Ryan noted that there was a plan for tree removal and asked if this looked to salvage trees that are maintainable. Ms. Lucas stated that yes, they plan on removing one tree.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#60 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR PROJECTS FUNDED BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Myers, seconded by Mr. Shaw. The meeting adjourned at 4:24PM.