



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

William Santos
Chairperson

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes February 17, 2022

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board was held on February 17, 2022, at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Orlando Rivera, Citizen Member; George Hebert, Co. Legislator; Jeff McCann, Deputy Co. Exec.; Amy Grower, Chief of Staff; Robert Franklin, CFO, Finance; Mike Garland, Director, DES; Richard Tantalo, Director, Public Safety

Alternates Present: Laura Smith, Co. (Law Dept.), Kristina Daugherty (Pub. Safety), Josette Mangieri (Finance)

Planning Staff Present: Rochelle Bell, Kim Hudson

Others Present: Thomas Frys, Acting Director, DOT; Scott Leathersich (DOT); Patrick Meredith, Director, Parks; Renee Casler (Parks); JoAnn Beck (President, Highland Park Conservancy)

Bill Santos called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

Bob Franklin made a motion to approve the November 18, 2021 meeting minutes, Orlando Rivera seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Rochelle Bell reported that the Executive Order regarding the State of Emergency is in effect through March 16, 2022. If it is not extended, the Planning Board meetings will resume in person. It is unknown at this time whether hybrid meetings are being considered or not.

ACTION ITEMS

The following projects were submitted for consideration by the Board:

- a) **Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "The Children's Pavilion at Highland Park"**

Patrick Meredith, Director for MC Parks, and Renee Casler, Landscape Architect for the Parks Department, were present to speak to the board on this project and answer any questions the board may have. The letter to the Planning Board from County Executive Bello, provided in today's meeting packet, gave information on the history of the Children's Pavilion in Highland Park and also on the Highland Park Conservancy's involvement in the goal of the reconstruction

of the Children's Pavilion. In addition to being a place to gather for events, it falls within the Erie Canal Heritage Trail and could serve as a destination spot for our area. It is hoped that the timeline for the project would have the groundbreaking in 2023 and ribbon cutting October 2024.

Also present, JoAnn Beck, President of the Highland Park Conservancy, an all-volunteer, private partner organization, stated that there is community support from numerous organizations and agencies.

Mr. Hebert asked if originally there was no intent for the County to spend money for the reconstruction. Ms. Beck stated that a 1963 Resolution was found stating that the County would replace in kind and that no timeline was stipulated in that Resolution.

Mr. Franklin stated that it's anticipated there would be a bond resolution for the \$3,130,000. Any grant money, and money coming from the Conservancy, would reduce the bond amount.

Mike Garland made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "The Children's Pavilion at Highland Park" in the amount of \$3,130,000. Bob Franklin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

b) Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program to Increase Funding for the Salt Road Project in the Town of Penfield

Tom Frys, Director of the MCDOT, was present to talk about the Salt Road project and answer questions board members may have. Mr. Frys stated that there were various reasons for the need for additional money. There was a change in funding previously approved, inflation, the deep ditch which was going to be filled in could not be due to microbes, etc..., resulting in extra design cost, and extra construction cost as well.

George Hebert made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2022 Capital Budget to increase the project authorization by \$1,310,000 for the Salt Road project from \$3,425,000 to \$4,735,000, making the total project authorization \$4,735,000. Orlando Rivera seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

c) Amend the 2022 Capital Budget to Provide an Increase in Funding for the "Highway Preventive Maintenance #9" Project in the Town of Greece

Mr. Frys also addressed this project stating that there was a change in cost. The low bid came in so much higher than expected and inflation added an additional ~10% increase.

George Hebert made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2022 Capital Budget to increase the project authorization by \$515,000 for the Highway Preventive Maintenance #9 project from \$5,871,000 to \$6,386,000, making the total project authorization \$6,386,000. Rich Tantalos seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

d) Amend the 2022 Capital Budget to Provide an Increase in Funding for the “Highway Lighting Rehabilitation Southeast 1” Project in the Towns of Penfield and Perinton

Another DOT project, Mr. Fry's stated that, similar to the Highway Preventive Maintenance #9 project, there was a change in cost due especially to inflation.

Bill Santos asked if structural inspections are done. Mr. Fry's stated that they are.

Jeff McCann made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2022 Capital Budget to increase the project authorization by \$370,000 for the Highway Lighting Rehabilitation Southeast 1 project from \$3,450,000 to 3,820,000 making the total project authorization \$3,820,000. Bob Franklin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

e) Amend the 2022 Capital Budget to Provide an Increase in Funding for the Edgemere Drive Bridge Project in the Town of Greece

Regarding this project, Mr. Fry's stated that there were a lot of changes. There have been numerous comments from the public regarding the low bridge profile so that is being addressed with this project. Two concerns came up which added to the increase cost. The public and fire district had concerns regarding accessibility if there's a complete shutdown for bridge construction, therefore, it will be done in stages. Additionally, there is a \$75,000 cost for a mussel survey and extra inspection. Lastly, the lowest bid came in at \$300,000 over estimate.

Board member Hebert asked if engineer's estimates have been adjusted for inflation so that we don't have additional cost with the new CIP. Mr. Fry's stated they assume a standard rate of inflation.

George Hebert made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2022 Capital Budget to increase the project authorization by \$1,370,000 for the Edgemere Drive Bridge project from \$2,170,000 to \$3,540,000, making the total project authorization \$3,540,000. Orlando Rivera seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: March 3, 2022 at 3:00 pm via Zoom *(the Notice and Agenda incorrectly stated the meeting started at 3:30 pm)

For Review, the other dates in March are the 17th and 24th, both starting at 3:00 pm, and the 31st at 3:30 if needed.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Franklin made a motion to adjourn, George Hebert seconded the motion which carried unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

RB/kmh