

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Of the
Niagara River Greenway Commission
Beaver Island State Park
Grand Island, NY
February 28, 2006 1:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Dominic Jacangelo at 1:05 p.m.

Attendees: Dominic Jacangelo, Acting Chairman (Deputy Commissioner, NYSOPRHP)
Paul Leuchner, Commission Member
Paul Dyster, Commission Member
Ron Moline, Commission Member
Abby Snyder, Commission Member
John Giardino, Commission Member (by conference call)
Rob Belue, Administrative Coordinator

Dom Jacangelo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2005 meeting of the Executive Committee. Ron Moline made the motion, seconded by Paul Leuchner. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion of RFP “Scope of Services”

Dominic Jacangelo reported that the commission is ready to write a contract and execute it with Wendel Duchscherer. The deliverables included in the Scope of Services were circulated for comment and many of the comments received have been incorporated. The commission also received an extensive list of comments from the Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper. Rob Belue was asked to review the revised scope of services. Suggestions and changes are as follows:

- There will be a working group consisting of (6) commission members who will work closely with Wendel Duchscherer as the Niagara River Greenway Plan is developed. Once they have reached a decision point, decisions would be referred to the plan management committee for action.
- The commission will ask Wendel Duchscherer to send a representative to all CAC and LGAC. A total of 30 meetings will be held over the next 10 months.
- Task 1-C – Literature Review. The literature review should specifically include the review of environmental studies relating to resources of the Niagara River and its shoreline, the Great Lakes Initiative, habitat restoration projects, Niagara River Remedial Action Plan, web searches of other greenway plans summaries, recreational studies, local waterfront revitalization plans and other related studies.
- Task 2-D. Planning Workshops/DGEIS Scoping. The project team will be represented by Wendel Duchscherer (W-D), The HOK Planning Group (HOK), & Ecology & Environment (E&E).
- Task 3-C – Greenway Concepts. Change the wording on the 4th bullet to read, “Restoring, preserving and enhancing unique and sensitive environmental resources.”

- Task 4-D – Demonstration Projects. Should be changed to read “Demonstration Concepts”. Change the wording for the 4th bullet to read, “Restoring, preserving and enhancing unique and sensitive environmental resources.” Clarification from Wendel Duchscherer is needed for the meaning of demonstration concepts. (See Draft dated 3/6/06)
- Task 5-I – NRGWG Meeting #8. Add the word “Commission” to the line “The Project Team will obtain feedback from the Commission regarding these comments.”
- Task 6 – Preparation of the Draft GEIS. Change the term “implementation” to “facilitation” in the first paragraph and “implementing” to “facilitate” in the second paragraph.

(The edited Draft Scope of Services, with all changes made from both previous discussions and this meeting, is available.)

Discussion of “Draft Budget”

A draft budget was distributed that will be considered by the Niagara River Greenway Commission. The fiscal year needs to be defined. If the Town of Tonawanda application for the DOS New York State Quality Communities Program, Inter-municipal Growth Program Grant of \$150,000 is favorable the budget will have to be amended to show how the funds will be used.

Logo Competition

Wendel Duchscherer will be asked to review and add input to the Logo Competition criteria and rules prior to release to the general public. In addition, the Niagara Greenway Commission will be asked to approve a monetary cash award for the winning entry in the logo competition.

Adjourn

Paul Leuchner motioned to adjourn the meeting, Paul Dyster seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.