

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, March 21 2000 at 7:00 PM

Place Village of Carthage Municipal Building, 120 S Mechanic St., Carthage NY 13619

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Minutes

TO: Mayors/Supervisors and Boards of the T/Champion, T/Wilna,

V/Carthage and V/West Carthage, and Kevin Smith

FROM: Chris Vargulick, Council Clerk

DATE: March 24, 2000

RE: Minutes from March 21, 2000 River Area Council of Governments Mtg.

Members present: D. Getman, W. McIlroy, M. Sligar, J. Smith, K. Smith,

T. Stewart

Members absent: T. Buckley, M. Franchini, and L. Gerber

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

K. Smith reported that he had contacted electrical power brokers about the Council's interest in aggregating power purchases. Mr. Smith contacted the NYS Power Authority, the Oneida-Madison BOCES, and Enermetrics. Individuals representing these organizations will be invited to attend the May 16th meeting of the Council.

K. Smith distributed a draft of the RACOG Community Development Action Plan for the Council's consideration. The initiative, as presented, would involve two parts.

Part one would include the Tug Hill Commission and Jefferson County Planning in a comprehensive review of the plans and land use control procedures currently in place in the four communities. The review would result in recommendations for standardizing the administration of land use controls. There would be no dollar amount connected to this portion of the plan.

Part two of the study would prepare an intermunicipal downtown revitalization and neighborhood redevelopment plan. Pending the successful outcome of the Quality Communities grant application, a consultant would be hired to develop visual materials to support the implementation of public and private strategies to advance the planning initiative. The cost of implementing all of the initiatives of part two would be approximately \$40,000.

D. Getman questioned the need for revitalization of "Main Street" (Bridge St.). K. Smith responded that an analysis would not have to be limited to Bridge Street but could include portions of Broad Street and/or the proposed industrial park.

W. McIlroy suggested that the Council revisit the topic of high speed telecommunication lines and invite Thomas Sauter, DANC to address the Council at the April 18th meeting. K. Smith suggested the other telecommunication providers also be invited including representatives from GISCO and Bell Atlantic.

The Council discussed the importance of apprising the community Planning Boards about proposed Council initiatives including the Quality Communities grant application. Support from the Planning Boards will be vital to the success of the redevelopment plans. Chairman McIlroy requested that the clerk arrange a joint meeting between the Council of Governments and the chairmen of the four communities Planning Boards.

The joint meeting between the Council and the Planning Board Chairmen will be held on April 11th at 7:00PM at the Village of West Carthage Municipal Building.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held on April 18th at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.