

Organization River Area Council of Governments

Board Executive Board

Date and Time Tuesday, April 15 2003 at 7:00 PM

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

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Minutes

Members present: T. Buckley, M. Franchini, W. McIlroy, and T. Stewart,

Members absent: M. Bezanilla, J. Smith, P. Smith, and R. Vary

Chairman McIlroy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

Motion M. Franchini, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes for March 18, 2003, as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Reports

- The Circuit Rider's monthly report was read and accepted. K. Amyot reported on the status of particular initiatives. The Olympic Trail Scenic By-Way document will be submitted to ANCA on 4/17/03. ANCA will incorporate the information from the initiative to develop a corridor management plan for future funding and advancement. Ms. Amyot reported that the Hyett-Palma workshop was attended by approximately 75 persons. The presentation addressed trends and business retention and expansion emphasizing the value of partnerships. Ed McMahan, the keynote speaker at the LGC conference was very well received. His presentation emphasized planning, linking projects and guiding development. Ms. Amyot reminded the Council that the authorization for the EDZ expires July 1st and suggested that they consider legislation to support program re-authorization.
- Retail Development-Ms. Amyot reported on the ongoing activities associated with the Façade Improvement Program. The Council discussed the availability of funds to businesses outside the "Main Street" area. The Council advocated making contact with those businesses now, in the event that some funding remains unencumbered, to evaluate their interest in participating in the program. J. Peck reported on the most recent committee meeting. The next meeting, scheduled for April 29th, will focus on defining specific goals.
- Joint Recreation-The minutes of the meeting held on April 11th were distributed. P. Strife reported on the committee recommendation for the swim program. The Council discussed references to walking trails and identified additional trail systems in the RACOG area.

Old Business

Ms. Amyot requested a clarification of the Council's position regarding a "Black River Summit". The summit was discussed during the re-visioning session in March to identify and address complementary initiatives and to develop a regional approach to waterfront development with communities upriver of the Twin Village including: Port Leyden, Lyons Falls, Lowville and Castorland. It was the consensus of the Council that such a summit would be beneficial to the communities. Tug Hill will coordinate the meeting.

The Council also discussed the expansion of the RACOG membership. No action was taken.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by M. Franchini to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

The next meeting of the River Area Council of Governments will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at 7:00PM at the Village of Carthage Municipal Building.

Christina Vargulick
RACOG Secretary/Treasurer