

Buffalo & Erie County Greenway Fund

Standing Committee

City of Buffalo • Erie County • Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy • New York Power Authority

Minutes of the February 24, 2015 Meeting- Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

The meeting followed the agenda and was chaired by Maria Whyte.

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm

Members in Attendance: Brendan Mehaffy, Maria Whyte, Alan Bozer, Carol Jasen Sampson

Correspondence received from Kevin Kelly, Board Chair of the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy (BOPC), designated Alan Bozer as the BOPC representative to the Greenway Committee.

2. Election of a new Chairman- Motion to Table: Moved by M. Whyte, 2nd B. Mehaffy, Tabled 4-0.

3. Gregory D. Stevens, Chairman Niagara River Greenway Commission provided an overview on the role and function of the commission.

4. Public Presentations of Submitted Applications:

- a. **Buffalo Lighthouse Association:** South Buffalo Lighthouse Restoration & Reuse Project
Michael Vogel discussed an application for funding in the amount of \$535,000 for the stabilization, safety and weatherization of the historic 1903 south Buffalo lighthouse. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.

- b. **Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy:** Cazenovia Park- Shoreline & Trail Rehabilitation Project
Brian Dold discussed an application for funding in the amount of \$120,000 for the planning of the existing shelter to be upgrades to meet ADA compliance, shoreline stabilization and trail rehabilitation at Cazenovia Park. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.

- c. **Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy:** Riverside Park- South Loop Trail Project
Brian Dold discussed an application for funding in the amount of \$404,000 for the planning, design, construction, administration/supervision and maintenance of the south loop trail at Riverside Park. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.

- d. **Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy:** Delaware Park- Scajaquada Trail- Point of the Meadow
 Brian Dold discussed an application for funding in the amount of \$35,400, matching funds for the Woodland gateway landscape and site furnishings of the Scajaquada Trail- Point of the Meadow at Delaware Park. The work would include the removal of asphalt, replaced with topsoil and seed, removal of concrete sidewalk and trees, new curbing and new pathways. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.
- e. **City of Buffalo:** LaSalle Park Improvements- Foot of Porter Avenue
 Andy Rabb discussed an application for funding in the amount of \$200,000 for the planning and construction improvements at the foot of Porter Avenue at LaSalle Park. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.
- f. **County of Erie:** Revitalization & Waterfront Access Enhancement Strategy- Erie County Park & Trail System along the Niagara
 Mark Roundtree discussed an application for funding in the amount of \$250,000 for the planning of Revitalization and Waterfront Access Enhancement Strategy within the Erie County Park and Trail System along the Niagara River, Ellicott Creek Park, Shoreline Trail-Riverwalk Section and Isle View Park. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.
- g. **County of Erie:** Tribute Garden Enhancement & Beautification- Isle View Park
 Sawrie Becker, Rachel Chrostowski and Eras Bechakas discussed an application for funding in the amount of \$181,660 for the planning and construction improvements for a Tribute Garden Enhancement and Beautification at Isle View Park. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.
- h. **County of Erie:** Black Rock Canal Park Improvements- Phase 3
 Mark Roundtree discussed an application for funding in the amount of \$700,000 for the planning/engineering and construction improvements at the Black Rock Canal Park. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.
- i. **Historical Society of the Tonawandas:** Niagara River & Erie Canal Signage Expansion Project
 Ned Schimminger and Bernie Rotella discussed an application for funding in the amount of \$64,530, of which \$23,465 is the Erie County portion, for the design and construction of a signage expansion project along the Niagara River and Erie Canal. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.
- j. **City of Tonawanda:** Intermodal Transit Hub
 Mayor Rick Davis and Charles Rech discussed an application for funding in the

amount of \$780,553 for the planning and construction of an Intermodal Transit Hub, located in the City of Tonawanda. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.

- k. **Valley Community Association:** Buffalo River Fest Park Comfort Station & Signage & Cameras

Peg Overdorf discussed an application for funding in the amount of \$391,000 for the construction of a comfort station, construction management, signage and cameras at the Buffalo River Fest Park. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.

- l. **Cazenovia Community Resource Center:** Boating Center Phase 3- Francis Folsom Cleveland Fair Weather Inlet

Pierre Wallinder discussed an application for funding in the amount of \$286,568 to fund various capital projects related to phase three of the Cazenovia Community Boating center including; 5 fishing huts, Greenway Fitness Dome, Tree cutting, Interpretative Center safety railing and observation deck, Tree sculptures, Electric River Touring boat, Dinghy Storage Rack, EZ Dock Extension to Ramp, Landscaping and Outdoor furniture, Entrance Gate & Swipe card system, Utility tractor , Construction management and administration and non-construction administration costs. The project was deemed consistent with the Niagara River Greenway Plan by the Niagara River Greenway Commission.

5. Other Business: None

6. Next Meeting: Announcements of Awards

March 24, 2015, 8:00 AM, Electric Tower Bldg., 535 Washington St., 2nd Floor Glass Conference Room

7. Motion for adjournment by B. Mehaffy 2nd by A. Bozer approved 4-0. Adjourned at 2:45pm

ATTACHMENTS:

I. **AGENDA:** Buffalo & Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee meeting- Feb.24, 2015

II. **Sign-In sheet:** Buffalo & Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee meeting- Feb. 24, 2015