

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Tuesday, March 31, 2009, 1:00 pm
MEETING MINUTES

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Leg. Ken Jenkins, Chair; Legislators Lois Bronz, Gordon Burrows, William Burton, Peter Harckham, Vito Pinto, Bernice Spreckman. Committee Coordinator: Barbara Dodds
Others: Mark Soja, Marathon Development; Planning Dept.: Larry Kelly, Susanne Marino, Deb DeLong; CE: Sal Carrera, Bill Randolph; Karen Tannenbaum WRAID; Karen Schatzel, LWVW; Sonja Brown, Greenburgh Town Council; BOL: Bob Boland.

Items Discussed:

- #275: Conveyance of County parcels
- #226: Act amending Act 220-222, 2008--330 Riverdale Ave. Affordable Housing Project
- #273 Fairview Housing Development (BPL01)

With a quorum present, Leg. Jenkins opened the meeting at 1:19 PM.

#275: He invited Sal Carrera to speak on an act authorizing the sale of nine **county-owned parcels**. These surplus parcels were acquired over time by the county for projects but were never utilized. Per the County Administrative Code, the county has offered to sell the parcels to the municipalities in which they were located. All municipalities had 90 days to respond. All declined the offers or did not respond, except for Mount Vernon which offered to acquire one Mount Vernon parcel for one dollar to be used for parkland. Legs. Jenkins and Pinto suggested that an official statement should be sent from the Law Dept. advising municipalities which have not responded within the allotted time that their option of first refusal has run out. With that suggestion to be acted upon, the motion to approve the act was moved by Leg. Pinto and seconded by Leg. Bronz. All voted in favor.

Received and filed item #21 on job sharing due to correspondence from the Commissioner of Human Resources. Leg. Burton moved to approve, seconded by Leg. Pinto. All voted in favor.

#273: Deb DeLong and Larry Kelly described the project known as **Fairview Manhattan Park Apartments**, a former NYS Mitchell Lama program complex of three 7-story buildings—90 and 100 Manhattan Ave, and 33 Oak Street—in Greenburgh. The complex contains 189 affordable rental units plus 3 superintendent units. Fairview Housing LLC is the new owner and will continue the affordability of the units. The county support requested in the act is for \$1,800,000 Housing Implementation Fund money to be used for such infrastructure improvements as repaving parking areas, improving drainage, replacing broken curbs and sidewalks, new fencing, lighting and landscaping and soft costs of \$270,000 for related county soft costs. The Bond Act is for \$2,070,000. Motion to approve the bond act and the intermunicipal agreement with Greenburgh was moved by Leg. Lois Bronz and seconded by Leg. Vito Pinto. All voted in favor.

#266: **330 Riverdale Ave.**, Yonkers. Project is moving forward. Yonkers has requested changing the time of affordability from 50 years to 30 years. There were no representatives from Yonkers present. Leg. Jenkins said that Yonkers officials need to explain the need for the change in open meeting. The item will be considered at another time when they are available.

A GO meeting will be held on Monday to consider an exemption to the source of income legislation proposed to the Fair Housing Law for the small owner occupied building—a combination of eight units. Also there is an informal meeting of section 8 officials in May where inspection standards will be discussed.

Leg. Pinto suggested a future visit to 450 Saw Mill River Road with the Board of Elections (BOE) joint with the Committee on Public Safety. At a future meeting with the BOE commissioners, there will be discussion on the status of the construction coupled with discussion on other BOE items still in committee.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Leg. Pinto and seconded by Leg. Burton. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned by Leg. Jenkins.