

WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
JOINT MEETING WITH COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY
April 14, 2009 - 1:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee on Government Operations: Leg. Ken Jenkins, Chair; Legislators William Burton, Judy Myers, Martin Rogowsky, Bernice Spreckman, Gordon Burrows, Peter Harckham, Vito Pinto; Committee Coordinator: Barbara Dodds.

Committee on Public Safety & Security: Leg. Vito Pinto, Chair; Legislators William Burton, Ken Jenkins, Judy Myers, Gordon Burrows, Peter Harckham; Committee Coordinator: Sunday Vanderberg.

Others: LEGISLATORS: Tom Abinanti; BOL; Joanne Sold, Rick Pezzullo; CEO: Andrew Neuman, Bill Randolph; Director of Real Estate & Economic Development Sal Carrera; WCDOT: Commissioner Larry Salley; Deputy Commissioner Harry Stanton; WCDPW: Commissioner Ralph Butler, Deputy Commissioner John Hsu; President of Liberty Lines Jerry D'Amore; President of Westchester Cycle Club David McKay Wilson; Mid-Atlantic Coordinator for East Coast Greenway Michael Oliva; Journal News: Gerald McKinstry, Ken Valenti

MINUTES APPROVED: None.

ITEMS RECEIVED AND FILED: None.

With a quorum present, Legislator Jenkins opened the meeting of the Committee on Government Operations at 1:15 p.m. With a quorum present, Legislator Pinto opened the Committee on Public Safety & Security at 1:15 p.m.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Joint with Public Safety & Security:

- UPDATE ON 450 SAWMILL RIVER ROAD

Director Real Estate Sal Carrera and Deputy Public Works Commissioner John Hsu addressed the committee regarding the progress being made at the recently – purchased warehouse building located at 450 Sawmill River Rd.

Mr. Hsu and Mr. Carrera handed out a general copy of the buildings floor plan, along with a time line of Phase I of the project. A discussion ensued regarding the move-in dates of the Board of Elections, Department of Public Safety (portion), and the new HAVA-mandated voting machines.

At the request of Chairman Jenkins (GO) and Chairman Pinto (PSS), Mr. Hsu and Mr. Carrera will come back to the Committees to provide a further update after the completion of Phase I. They also recommended that the Committee tour the facility after the completion of Phase I and prior to the commencement of Phase II. The members agreed.

Government Operations Only:

- ITEM # 276 – (HARCKHAM) Proposal for a “Bike Friendlier” Westchester

Chair Jenkins and Chair Pinto welcomed, among others, the County’s Department of Transportation Commissioner Larry Salley, along with the President of Liberty Lines Jerry D’Amore; and the head of the Westchester Cycle Club David McKay Wilson, to discuss item #276. This is a two-part proposal by Legislator Harckham to make Westchester County more bike-friendly, while improving the environment.

A lengthy discussion ensued. While Commissioner Salley, et al, did not feel that the idea of bike racks on the front of buses was safe or practical, he was very open to the idea of bike storage facilities at various locations. Mr. D’Amore agreed this was a good idea and was willing to try it and collect some data. Commissioner Salley recommended they do a small pilot project at the White Plains Trans Center. All agreed that once this was done and the hard data was obtained, they would come back before the Committees again for further discussion.

Leg. Burton moved to adjourn the Committee on Public Safety & Security Legislation, seconded by Leg. Myers, the committee adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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