



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

William Santos
Chairperson

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes November 18, 2021

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board was held on November 18, 2021, at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair/EMC representative; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Robert Franklin, Director, MC Finance; Orlando Rivera, Andrew Hollister, citizen members; Mike Garland, Director, MC Dept. of Environmental Services; Rich Tantalo, Dir. of Public Safety

Alternates Present: Laura Smith, MC Law (for Amy Grower, Chief of Staff); Don Crumb, MC Law (for Jeff McCann, Deputy Co. Exec.)

Planning Staff Present: Rochelle Bell, Kim Hudson

Others Present: Mike Wall, Airport; Travis Sleight, from MCC; Sean Murphy, MC DES; Bill Daly, MCDES

Bill Santos called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

Mike Wiedemer made a motion to approve the October 28, 2021 meeting minutes. Bob Franklin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Rochelle pointed out that a draft of the 2022 Planning Board Meeting Schedule was attached to the back of the meeting packet, and that the February meeting was moved from Feb. 24th to Feb. 17th so that it would not fall within the week of school breaks.

ACTION ITEMS

The following projects were submitted for consideration by the Board:

- a) Amend the 2021 Capital Budget to Provide an Increase in Funding for the Access/Circulation Roadway Improvement Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport

Mike Wall, from the County Airport, was present to explain the airport project and answer any questions the board members may have. Mr. Wall described the current traffic patterns and flow of vehicles in and out of the airport. He stated that there currently is a four-way intersection with stop signs for traffic control, however, there is a need for intersection improvements for improved traffic flow and safety. A traffic signal cannot be used due to runway traffic so a roundabout was suggested. The roundabout will be one lane based on traffic flow and there will be a temporary roadway while work is going on. The airport will work with County DOT. They are looking to construct next year, but it could be fast tracked. Due to the necessity of having a temporary roadway, there is a need for additional funding.

A board member asked about the entering and exiting points of the roundabout. Mr. Wall stated that the rendering provided for this meeting has not been “fine-tuned” therefore, the final project will change to some degree.

Mike Garland made a motion to recommend an Amendment the 2021 Capital Budget to increase funding for the Access/Circulation Roadway Improvement Project at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport, in the amount of \$200,000, from \$500,000 to \$700,000, for a total project authorization of \$700,000. Andrew Hollister seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- b) Amend the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program and the 2021 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled “Monroe Community College Sports Facility Lighting Project”

Travis Sleight, from MCC, gave an overview of the sports facilities at the college. MCC wants to add light fixtures to the turf field which is used for soccer and lacrosse. The conduits are already in place but they do need a main run to the field. The college will get input from their engineers on the light fixtures.

Not only would this benefit MCC, but outside organizations might also benefit and it possibly would bring in more sports teams.

A question was asked as to whether there are plans to add lighting to other fields. Mr. Sleight stated that at this time, there was not. There was some discussion regarding the lighting controls and some of the various options that could be done with the lights. Another question asked was if there’s any possibility of complaints from any neighbors. Mr. Sleight stated that the neighbors are commercial businesses as well as Bill Grays Ice Plex; also, Sean Murphy will be looking at light pollution prevention specs..

Bob Franklin made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program and the 2021 Capital Budget to add a project entitled “Monroe Community College Sports Facility Lighting Project”, in the amount of \$1,000,000. Mike Wiedemer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: December 16, 2021 at 3:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Franklin made a motion to adjourn, Rich Tantalò seconded the motion which carried unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.

RB/kmh