Planning Board
Monroe County, New York

Monroe County Planning Board
Meeting Minutes June 23, 2022

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board was held on June 23, 2022, at 3:30 pm via Zoom.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Andrew Hollister, Citizen member; Orlando Rivera, Citizen member; Dave Watson, Citizen member; Robert Barley, Citizen member; Andrea Evans, Citizen member; George Hebert, Co. Legislator; Rachel Barnhart, Co. Legislator; Richard Tantalo, Director, Public Safety; Robert Franklin, CFO, Finance

Alternates Present: Adrienne Green, Law Dept. (for Jeff McCann, Dep. Co. Exec.); Laura Smith, Law Dept. (for Amy Grower, Chief of Staff); Josette Mangieri, Finance

Planning Staff Present: Rochelle Bell, Board Secretary; Kim Hudson, Asst. to the Board Secretary

Others Present: Alyssa Tallo, Executive Health Director at MCH, and staff

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm. Mr. Santos welcomed to the Board, Andrea Evans, our new citizen member, who is with the Irondequoit Planning Board.

Mr. Hollister made a motion to approve the May 26, 2022 meeting minutes; Mr. Hebert seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Following approval of the minutes, there was some discussion regarding hybrid meetings. Mr. Hebert reported that having meetings remotely may continue through September. Ms. Barnhart stated that hybrid meetings may be considered by the Legislature. Mr. Hebert added that the State passed legislation so the County can adopt hybrid meetings, and that the County is currently working on a piece of legislation regarding this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

ACTION ITEMS:
The following project was submitted for consideration by the Board:

a) Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to Increase Funding for the Project Entitled “Friendship Place” at Monroe Community Hospital

Alyssa Tallo, Executive Health Director at Monroe Community Hospital (MCH), was present before the Board to discuss the Friendship Place project at MCH and answer any questions there may be. There
was an amendment before the board in April for the same project, however, according to Ms. Tallo, the previous funding figures, which were outlined in the April 28th PowerPoint, were adjusted and reflected an inaccurate total project cost, which is what has led to MCH returning to the Board. Ms. Tallo gave a brief overview of the project, how it started in 2019, what the vision is, and the funding identified. The current timeline for the project is to get it underway by the end of Fall this year and for completion by the end of 2023.

Mr. Hebert reported that the referral is in the Legislature and noted the various grant sources. He then inquired as to whether ARPA (Am. Rescue Plan Act) funds could be used. Mr. Franklin did not believe so.

Mr. Franklin made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to increase funding for the project entitled “Friendship Place” at Monroe Community Hospital in the amount of $1,110,500, from $0 to $1,110,500 for a total project authorization of $1,386,333. Mr. Tantalo seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. Bell gave an update on Plan Forward, the County’s Comprehensive Plan, and the kickoff for the Countywide Active Transportation Plan (CATP) which is funded by the Genesee Transportation Council (GTC). The kickoff will be held on Wednesday, June 29th from 3:00 – 7:00 pm at the Highland Park’s Olmsted Lodge. This will be held as an open house for both County plans. Ms. Bell showed the Planning Board members where to access the interactive page for the CATP through the County website.

Lastly, Ms. Smith, from the County Law Department, reported that at this time, the Governor’s Executive Order regarding meetings being held remotely, has been extended through July 14th, however, there is a provision that the quorum must meet in person, others can meet remotely in extraordinary circumstances.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: July 28, 2022 at 3:30 pm. The Board will meet in the CityPlace multipurpose rooms on the first floor unless we get permission to meet remotely.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Franklin made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Hebert seconded the motion which carried unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm.