

**Tompkins County IDA Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2011
Old Jail Conference Room
125 E Court Street, Ithaca, NY**

Present: Martha Robertson, Dan Cogan, Jeff Furman, Nathan Shinagawa, Will Burbank, Jim Dennis, David Squires,

Excused: Larry Baum

Staff Present: Heather Filiberto, Michael Stamm, Mariette Geldenhuys, Ina Arthur (recording)

Guests Present: Martha Armstrong (TCAD), Joe Mareana (TC Administration), Jerry Goodenough (AES Cayuga)

CALL TO ORDER Ms. Robertson called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - None

BUSINESS

TCAD 2012 Work Plan Presentation and 2012 Budget and TCAD Funding Request

See TCDC December 21, 2011 Minutes for discussion.

Mr. Squires talked about the TCIDA funding balance. Mr. Furman asked if the Board is comfortable with spending down the fund balance. When zero is reached, there will be no support for County economic development and TCAD.

Mr. Cogan commented that the County is using the TCIDA/TCDC funds to support economic development. Until the money is gone, the County will probably not look into the issue too seriously.

Mr. Furman asked if starting new programs when funding is low or in jeopardy is a good idea.

Mr. Dennis commented that he feels the County should support TCAD in its economic development efforts as they do economic development better than anyone else in the County can.

Mr. Dennis moved to approve the 2012 TCIDA Budget and TCAD Funding Request. Mr. Burbank seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Procurement Policy

Mr. Dennis moved to approve the Draft TCIDA Procurement Policy. Mr. Burbank seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cayuga Green Garage DOT Easement Resolution

Ms. Geldenhuys commented that the NYS DOT will be doing work on Clinton Street and has requested an easement for culvert work.

Mr. Cogan moved to approve the resolution for the Cayuga Green Garage DOT Easement. Mr. Shinagawa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Downtown Density Policy

Ms. Robertson commented that the City of Ithaca has expressed an interest in reviewing and reworking the current Downtown Density Policy. She stated that she feels that the City should work on this policy first before the TCIDA becomes involved.

Mr. Stamm discussed some of the past projects and commented that TCAD staff will be talking with past customers regarding the process.

Ms. Filiberto commented that the policy has been in effect for ten years and it is a good time to review the policy and its goals.

Mr. Burbank asked what people do not like about the current policy/process?

Mr. Cogan commented that the public process has a lot of subjectivity that make the process less than optimal to go through. There is a lot of uncertainty in the process for the developer.

Mr. Stamm commented that another issue is the instead of going through the process with the City and the IDA simultaneously, the process is more linear and drawn out.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Stamm reported on the Regional Economic Development Council. The southern tier region received a lot of funding for urban renewal projects, agricultural businesses and creation of shovel ready sites.

Ms. Filiberto mentioned a few CFA applications and the NYSERDA funding increase.

MINUTES

Mr. Cogan moved to approve the October 21, 2011 TCIDA Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Shinagawa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Robertson took a moment to thank Mr. Cogan for his years of service on the TCIDA Board. This is Mr. Cogan's last meeting with this Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM