

EDUCATION, CULTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009

The Education, Culture & Recreation Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Monday, May 11, 2009 in the Kresge Story Telling Room, First Floor, Broome County Public Library, 185 Court Street, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: S. Buchta (Chair), W. Howard, B. Klipsch, R. Materese, S. Messina

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Kalka, M. Gerchman, Budget; B. Hoffman, Parks & Recreation; D. Fauci, County Exec's Office; J. Dadamio, Security; G. LaBare, D. Reynolds, J. Garnar, J. Marinich, M. Nirchi, M. Diffendorf, E. Denk, C. Marion, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:32 pm. Mr. Howard moved the agenda, seconded by Ms. Messina. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

Lena Bishop, Board Member from BAGSAI gave a little background about BAGSAI. She stated that there are handicapped parking spaces available at the complex but no paved walkway to the field which makes it very difficult for those using the handicapped spaces to get to the field. She would like to see the County pave a 250 foot walkway. She also informed the committee of a large water bill they had to pay because there was a water leak that went un-noticed by all parties.

Lesley Tillotson, Executive Director of Southern Tier Celebrates, discussed some of the events sponsored by Southern Tier Celebrates. She stated that this year they will not be receiving any State funds and urged the committee to support the resolution providing funds for POPS in the Arena and the resolution waiving the rental fee for Southern Tier Celebrates for use of County owned facilities for public events. Mr. Materese asked Ms. Tillotson to provide the committee with their budget.

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE READINESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Mr. Materese requested that this resolution be left off the preferred agenda.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE EN-JOIE GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Some committee members questioned how the legislative representatives were determined. It was the consensus of the committee to defer this resolution to June.

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN TIER CELEBRATES, INC. FOR USE OF COUNTY OWNED FACILITIES FOR PUBLIC EVENTS FOR 2009-2011

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#27 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN TIER CELEBRATES FOR THE 2009 BC POPS AT THE ARENA FOR THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#31 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR A MASTER PLAN FOR THE BROOME COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA

Mr. Materese made a motion, seconded by Mr. Howard to amend the third Whereas paragraph to "...there is currently no master plan specific to the future usage..."

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

Ms. Buchta informed the committee that Mr. Brennan and Ms. Petkash will give a presentation at the June committee meeting on the present plan. Mr. Klipsch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Buchta to defer this resolution to June. Motion carried. Ayes-3, Nays-2 (Howard, Materese)

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, Mr. Howard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Messina. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.