

EDUCATION, CULTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

The Education, Culture & Recreation Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: M. Klein, Personnel; L. Wise, BCPL; M. Kalka, Budget; P. Brennan, County Exec's Office; B. Hoffman, K. McLaughlin, Parks; R. Sall, J. DiMascio, D. Martin, M. Maciak, Arena Board; D. Reynolds, M. Diffendorf, M. Nirchi, J. Hutchings, J. Garnar, C. Marion, E. Denk, C. Hall, Legislature

The Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 5:35 pm. Mr. Howard moved the agenda, seconded by Ms. Messina. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#2 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LAURA BIASILLO, DOING BUSINESS AS OTSININGO PARK FARMERS MARKET, FOR THE USE OF OTSININGO PARK FOR THE

Mr. Howard asked who is responsible for clean up and security. It was stated that there is no additional security required and the Otsiningo Park Farmer's Market is responsible for their own clean up. Ms. Buchta made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moran to amend the resolution to add a Further Resolved paragraph to read " the Otsiningo Farmer's Market will be responsible for their own refuse removal, and be it". Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

#3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SPIEDIE FEST BALLOON RALLY EXPO, INC. FOR USE OF OTSININGO PARK FOR THE 2009 SPIEDIE FEST AND BALLOON RALLY

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#19 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL ARENA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE BROOME COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A MANDATORY FACILITY USER FEE FOR ALL EVENTS AT THE BROOME COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA AND THE BROOME CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THE FORUM

Mr. Sall stated that the facility fee projected revenue is \$202,000 which will be used for repairs at the Arena and the Forum to keep them safe and attractive. Mr. Marinich argued that Broome County residents that use the Arena and Forum shouldn't have to pay the fee because they're already paying for it in their property taxes. He would rather see the facility fee only on tickets that are not sold at the box office. Mr. Hoffman stated that 88% of the tickets are sold at the box office so that would leave only 12% of the tickets that would have the facility fee. Mr. Howard asked about other arenas and how they account for a facility fee. Mr. Hoffman stated that most other arenas have a facility fee and would check on how they record it.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#41 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SALARY INCREASE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF
AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF GOLF FOR 2009

Mr. Brennan stated that this will bring the Director of Golf salary to \$66,656 and the Superintendent of Golf salary to \$62,285.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

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 6:27 pm.