



Friday, March 14, 2025

Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, 726 Exchange St., Suite 525, Buffalo, NY
Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel Castle at 8:30 AM.

2. Roll Call and Remarks

Members in Attendance: Daniel Castle, (Erie County); Kevin Kelly, (Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy); Nadine Marrero (City of Buffalo) and Carol Jasen Sampson (New York Power Authority).

3. Approval of the February 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes of February 19, 2025.

Moved by Nadine Marrero, Second by Carol Jasen Sampson

Approved 4-0

4. Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Association (BSRA) Waiver and Claw back Clause Exemption

Jean McKeown, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo provided an overview of BSRA waiver request, seeking an exemption of the Claw back Clause due to delays caused by weather conditions.

Motion to grant waiver request.

Moved by Kevin Kelly, Second by Nadine Marrero

Approved 4-0

5. Public Comment (reserved for agenda items only) - NONE

6. Project Funding Determination(s):

Chair Castle stated that since the establishment of the Erie County Greenway Fund, supported by the Niagara Power Project relicensing settlement, \$33 million has been committed to 110 projects since 2007. He added it is an impressive list of projects and a testament to the commitment and funding from NYPA. He announced that the Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee is pleased to award 2025 funding for beautification and improvement projects along the Buffalo and Erie County portion of the Greenway. The following projects are to receive 2025 funding awards:

1) **Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park:** Master Plan: **\$90,000**

2) **Buffalo Scholastic Rowing Association:** North End Breakwall Design Engineering & Permitting: **\$43,940**

3) **Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper:** Continued Expansion of the Blueway/Greenway Connections through the Buffalo Niagara Blueway: **\$90,600**

- 4) **City of Buffalo:** Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Park Greenway Construction- Phase 2: **\$1,500,000**
- 5) **Rotary of the Tonawanda's:** Erie Canal Historic Site Renovation: **\$150,000**
- 6) **The Collaborative Center for Social Innovation, Inc.:** Our Place, Our Purpose: Public Art Project: **\$67,800**
- 7) **Town of Tonawanda:** Riverwalk Parkway Multiuse Trail: **\$200,000**

7. Other Business

Jean McKeown, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo summarized Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy request to transfer up to \$75,000 of surplus funds from the Wayfinding and Signage Project to the Point of the Meadow Shelter House project in order to address unforeseen safety issues. Discussion on the necessity along with precedent of such transfer took place.

Motion to approve the funding transfer.

Moved by Kevin Kelly, Second by Nadine Marrero

Approved 4-0

Ba Zan Lin and Jean McKeown, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo stated that award letters along with the next steps will be sent to all awardees.

The next meeting date of the Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee is yet to be determined.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Kelly, Second by Nadine Marrero.

Meeting adjourned 8:44 AM.