



Buffalo & Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee

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Minutes of the April 23, 2021, Meeting

Via Videoconference (ZOOM)

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Hersey, Jr. at 1:03 PM.
2. Roll Call and Remarks:
Members in Attendance: Thomas R. Hersey, Jr., (Erie County); Kevin Kelly, (Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy); Brendan R. Mehaffy (City of Buffalo) and Carol Jasen Sampson (New York Power Authority).
3. Meeting Minutes
Motion to adopt the meeting minutes of March 19, 2021. Moved by Brendan Mehaffy, Second by Kevin Kelly.
Approved 4-0
4. Public Comment (reserved for agenda items only)
Greg Stevens, Niagara River Greenway Commission Executive Director conveyed his appreciation of the Committee's exercise to address strategic planning. A problem that faces the Committee occurs when a significant amount of Greenway funds is requested for a proposed project. Going forward, the Commission will address projects as they arise with significant funding requests, candidly indicating the available annual funding allocation to the Committee.
5. Strategic Planning
Chairman Hersey discussed the Strategic Planning for the Committee should entail project requests within the next 5-years that are within the purview of the designated representatives. Matching funds, including the Wilson Foundation should be identified. Dialogue from Committee members and staff focused on upcoming proposed project requests.
6. Other Business
Chairman Hersey announced his upcoming retirement.
7. A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Kelly, Second by Brendan Mehaffy.
Meeting adjourned 1:50 PM.