

**HOST COMMUNITIES
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 21, 2023
Town of Niagara Community Center
7000 Lockport Road, Niagara Falls NY**

Representatives Present:

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| Lee Wallace, Supervisor, CHAIRPERSON | Town of Niagara |
| Mark Laurrie | Niagara Falls City School District |
| Paul Casseri, Superintendent | Lewiston Porter School District |
| Lou Paonessa | New York Power Authority |
| Thomas Burgasser | Niagara County |
| Scott Hapeman, Esq. | Niagara Wheatfield School District |
| Steve Broderick, Supervisor | Town of Lewiston |
| Robert M. Restaino, Mayor, VICE CHAIRPERSON | City of Niagara Falls |

Alternates/Guests:

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| Jackie Siegmann | Town of Niagara |
| Maria Fortuna Dean | Lewiston Council on the Arts |

Staff Present:

Mary Melloni, Recording Secretary
Stan Widger, Esq., NPC Counsel, Nixon Peabody

1.0 Call to Order

Chairperson Wallace called the Host Communities Standing Committee meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Ms. Melloni called the roll.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Introductions

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2023 Meeting

Mr. Broderick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Laurrie, to approve the meeting minutes of June 20, 2023. Motion carried.

6. Town of Lewiston

- 6.1 Town of Lewiston Council on the Arts Project – Maria Fortuna Dean, Executive Director, Lewiston Council on the Arts
(Approved for funding by the Town of Lewiston Town Board in the amount of \$30,000 October 11, 2023; Consultation with NRCG on November 7, 2023)**

Ms. Fortuna stated that the Town of Lewiston and Village of Lewiston have been working together to make the Shoreline Trail extraordinary for trail users and community members alike. The goal of the Lewiston Public Arts project is to welcome visitors and trail users to Lewiston, encourage a longer stay in the area and then connect via Artpark or along Center Street back to the Niagara River and onward towards Four Mile Creek Park, Joseph Davis Park, Youngstown and Fort Niagara.

The concept is a four-wall mural at Academy Park that will be a sweeping, continuous image reflecting the Niagara River's orchards, vineyards and farmland and the wildlife along the River. In addition, metal sculptural components will provide visitors, cyclists and residents with photo opportunities on all four sides of the building at this crucial rest stop along the Shoreline Trail. A custom bike rack adjacent to the south wall will allow trail riders to safely store bikes while they explore Lewiston.

There are three prongs to this project, however, today's request is only for the mural and the artistic benches.

Ms. Dean explained that the benches are going to be placed at three Discover Niagara shuttle stops. They will be artfully designed to complement the street aesthetics. They are a cobalt blue, powder coated to withstand the elements.

Mr. Widger stated that this project meets all procedural requirements.

Mr. Broderick made a motion to approve the Town of Lewiston Council on the Arts Project in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Casseri seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

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| <i>Town of Lewiston</i> | <i>Yes</i> |
| <i>Town of Niagara</i> | <i>Yes</i> |
| <i>Lewiston Porter</i> | <i>Yes</i> |
| <i>City of Niagara Falls</i> | <i>Yes</i> |
| <i>Niagara-Wheatfield</i> | <i>Yes</i> |
| <i>Niagara County</i> | <i>Yes</i> |
| <i>New York Power Authority</i> | <i>Yes</i> |
| <i>Niagara Falls Schools</i> | <i>Yes</i> |

The resolution was thereupon approved.

7.0 Any other Matters - there were no other matters to be discussed.

8.0 Next Meeting: January 16, 2024

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Laurrie, seconded by Mr. Burgasser. Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary P. Melloni

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Recording Secretary