

Meeting Notes

Clinton Square DRI Local Planning Committee Meeting #6

Albany Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Date/Time March 5, 2019 / 5:30pm

Place: Community Loan Fund of the Capital Region – 255 Orange Street,
Suite 103, Albany

Attendees: Mayor Kathy Sheehan, Co-Chair
Linda MacFarlane, Co-Chair
Mark Aronowitz
John Curtin
Jill Delaney
Albert DeSalvo
Steve Longo
Kelly Kimbrough
Tracy Metzger
Sonya del Peral
A. Joseph Scott
Georgette Steffens

 Sarah Crowell, New York State (NYS) Department of State (DOS)
Kaitlyn Smith, New York State (NYS) Department of State (DOS)
Mike Yevoli, NYS Empire State Development (ESD)
Ashley Mohl, Capitalize Albany
Steve Kearney, Stantec

The sixth Clinton Square Local Planning Committee meeting took place from 5:30-7:00pm on March 5, 2019 at the Community Loan Fund. The meeting's purpose was to discuss the list of recommended DRI projects and obtain approval from the majority of the LPC to move forward with the recommended list in the Strategic Investment Plan. Steve Kearney from Stantec presented the attached slideshow and led the discussion.

Welcome 5:35

Conflict of Interest Statement 5:35

Planning Progress Report 5:40

- SK discussed project schedule moving forward and provided an overview of the development of the draft plan. After the DRI plan is submitted March 31, each priority project will be further vetted by the State.
- SK also reminded LPC of the final public meeting March 13th at the Palace Theatre.

Project Review and Discussion 5:50

- SK discussed amendments to projects and the project list based on LPC Meeting #5 review and LPC feedback. LPC will be voting on the recommendation of 20 priority projects totaling approximately just over \$15 million in DRI requests.

- LPC members reviewed and discussed the list of projects on the DRI ballot. LPC Chair MKS requested to add the property at 329 North Pearl Street to the DRI ballot as a priority project site recommended for funding other than DRI, and the remainder of the LPC agreed.
- LPC members proceeded to a vote. Upon completion, KS collected and tallied the ballots. After a final tally, KS announced that the LPC members present at tonight's meeting voted unanimously to approve the list of projects recommended for DRI funding (*option was given to approve full slate of projects as well as the ability to request recusal from specific projects due to conflict*)
- LPC members discussed how they were happy with the results of the process and pleased with the quality of projects on the list.

Public Comment Period 6:30

- SK opened public comment period. No public comments were received.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30

Next Steps

- Public meeting #3 is scheduled for March 13, 2019 at the Palace Theatre.
- DRI Strategic Investment Plan draft will be submitted by March 31, 2019.