

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY

Combined meeting of

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council,

and

Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.

January 25, 2013

**Wallace Center
Hyde Park, New York**

Minutes

Conservancy Members Present

Berky, Jennifer Schwartz, Conservancy Member
Burke, Kevin, Conservancy Member
Daniels, Jane, Conservancy Member
Griffen, Sara, Acting Chairman, Greenway Conservancy
Jacks, Betsy, Conservancy Member
Marra, Donald, Conservancy Member
Mazzuca, William, Conservancy Member
Yarabek, Stefan, Conservancy Member

Conservancy Members Present by Proxy

Brown, Kristin, Conservancy Member
Lanzetta, Cindy, Conservancy Member

Council Members Present

Ames, Edward, New York City Council Member
Elliott, Robert, Westchester County Council Member
Helsmoortel, Greg, Ulster County Council Member
Galef, Sandra R., Assemblywoman, Council Member, Assembly Speaker Appointment
McHenry, Barnabas, Chairman, Greenway Council
Molinaro, Marcus, Council Member, Assembly Minority Leader Appointment

Putney, Freeman, Albany County Council Member
von der Heide, Linda, Rensselaer County Council Member

Council Members Present by Proxy

Crabb, Mary, Orange County Council Member
Gould, Clara Lou, Dutchess County Council Member

Delegates Present

Devine, Bonnie, Joint Deputy Delegate for Secretary of State, NYS Department of State
Dunwell, Fran, Joint Delegate for Commissioner, NYS Department of Environmental
Conservation
Mazzarella, Sally, Council Delegate for Senator Stephen Saland

Advisory Members

Bergman, Frank, Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association

Greenway Staff

Campochiaro, Elizabeth, Trails and Community Outreach Director
Castiglione, Mark, Acting Executive Director
Gardner, Emily, Assistant Ramble Coordinator
Keller, Scott, Trails and Special Projects Director/Finance Manager

Call to Order

Council Chairman Barnabas McHenry called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Conservancy Chairman Sara Griffen led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions

Acting Chairman Griffen introduced Assemblywoman Didi Barrett who welcomed everyone to Hyde Park and the 106th Assembly District. Ms. Barrett noted that she is looking forward to working with everyone, especially on tourism.

Chairman McHenry introduced Town of Hyde Park Supervisor Aileen Rohr who welcomed everyone to the Town and apprised the meeting of the redevelopment progress being made in Hyde Park using smart growth principles and with the assistance over the years of a number of Greenway grants, including a shared services grant, a Mills-Norrie connector trail grant, and a sidewalk redesign grant.

Chairman McHenry introduced Greenway Board Member and Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro who welcomed everyone back to Dutchess County and encouraged everyone to look for ways to provide input to their elected officials. He noted Dutchess County's

commitment to municipal redevelopment and highlighted a cooperative project between the County and the City of Poughkeepsie to create a waterfront redevelopment strategy.

Presentation: The Impact of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise in Building Sustainable Waterfront Communities

Acting Chairman Griffen introduced Scenic Hudson's Director of Conservation Science Dr. Sacha Spector, who gave a presentation on the impact of climate change and sea level rise in building sustainable waterfront communities. Dr. Spector noted that Bloomberg Businessweek had recently published a cover story called "It's Global Warming Stupid," he went on to note that at current climate change rates the climate in New York by 2100 will be 14 degrees warmer than now. That would be the equivalent of picking up New York and moving it to Georgia. Also on the current track will be "flashier" storm events, which while not resulting in a huge increase in annual precipitation, will see the return of what are now considered to be 100 year storms every 5-6 years. We are already seeing an increase above predictions in the annual number of storms that exceed one inch of rain.

Sea level rise in the Hudson between 1856 and 2009 has been in excess of 12" and the rate of rise is increasing with climate change. The worst case scenario anticipates a 50 inch rise between now and 2100. The Sea Level Rise Task Force is tackling the issue with Greenway involvement. Among the initiatives are sustainable shoreline engineering, amphibious designs, resilient waterfront communities designs.

Agenda Review

Acting Chairman Griffen called for changes/additions to the agenda.

Minutes of October 17, 2012 Combined Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc. and Greenway Heritage Conservancy HRV, Inc.

Minutes of October 17, 2012 Meeting of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grants Committee

On a motion from Sally Mazzarella (Jennifer Schwartz Berky second) the October 17, 2012 meetings minutes were unanimously approved.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry called the Greenway Council meeting to order.

Governor's 2013-14 NYS Budget

Chairman McHenry announced that the Council is included in the Governor's 2013-14 budget at no change from the current year. He further updated the meeting on the status of a recent lawsuit filed against the Greenway by the Town of Rhinebeck over compact zoning. The Attorney General has agreed to represent the Greenway in this matter.

Greenway Community Grants

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione announced the Grants Committee recommendations for Greenway Communities Grants.

The *Town of Greenport, Columbia County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$7,500 for an update of their Comprehensive Plan.

The *Town of Fishkill, Dutchess County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$11,000 for the Hudson Fjord Hike/Bike Trail Master Plan – the project includes the *City of Beacon, Dutchess County and the Village of Cold Spring, and the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County*.

The *Village of Cold Spring, Putnam County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$6,000 for strengthening their LWRP for impacts associated with sea level rise/climate change.

The *Town of New Castle, Westchester County* is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$6,000 for public outreach and education for an update to the New Castle Comprehensive Plan.

On a motion from Sandra Galef (Bob Elliott second) the Council unanimously approved the grants as recommended by the Grants Committee.

Greenway Conservancy for the Hudson River Valley, Inc.

Call to Order

Acting Chairman Griffen called the Conservancy meeting to order.

Governor's 2013-14 NYS Budget

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Correction to 2012 Greenway Conservancy Small Grants Board Packet summary sheet- Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association - \$15,000

Mr. Castiglione announced that the grants approved at the prior meeting contained an error; the amount of the grant for the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association was misstated. The correct amount is \$15,000. On a motion from Jane Daniels (Jennifer Schwartz Berky second) the change was adopted.

Acceptance of Regional Economic Development Council Grant for the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail - \$90,000

Acting Chairman Griffen and Trails and Special Projects Director Scott Keller announced that the Greenway has been selected to receive a grant from Empire State Development Corporation awarded through the REDC grant process to market the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail. This is an especially important step in light of the designation of the water trail as a National Water Trail. The grant will be used to: create a web-based map, adaptable for printing of the water trail with interpretive, safety and cultural materials; create a smart phone app for users that will be integrated with QR codes on trail signs and will incorporate the map; create a smart phone optimized website; create a series of multi-day itineraries for users to explore the

key features of the water trail and the Hudson River Valley; and create a GPS map upload of the water Trail sites for TomTom and Garmin GPS units.

On a motion from Donald Marra (Jane Daniels second) the REDC grant was accepted.

Approval of Conservancy Audit Findings

Acting Chairman Griffen and Finance Manager Scott Keller presented the audit findings for the fiscal year April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. The audit was clean with two adjusting entries for rent calculations annually performed by the auditors. There were no changes to the records kept by the Conservancy. On a motion from Jane Daniels (Donald Marra second) the audit findings were approved.

Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

Call to Order

Chairman McHenry and Acting Chairman Griffen called the National Heritage Area meeting to order.

Economic Impact Study

Acting Chairman Griffen and Mr. Castiglione announced the results of the National Park Service's Economic Impact Study of the National Heritage Area. The NHA program directly results in the generation of more than \$584 million in economic benefits annually, creates or supports over 6,500 jobs, and provides nearly \$67 million in tax revenues annually. All by itself the Ramble provides \$21 million in annual economic impact.

Path Through History

Mr. Castiglione noted that the Path Through History is about helping regions tell their stories. Each REDC region is providing their heritage sites and themes.

Teaching the Hudson Valley

Mr. Castiglione reported that in 2012 this program provided access to historic sites for some 2,000 students who would not otherwise have been able to visit. The 2012 THV Institute looked at Conflicts and Crises in the context of the Civil War. The 2013 Institute will be about Common Core Standards.

Nature and Culture Initiative: Hudson River Art School Trail

Conservancy Member Betsy Jacks announced that REDC has provided a \$50,000 grant for an ad campaign, there is a new app available for the art school trail, and that information on the trail may be found at the recently updated website: www.hudsonriverschool.org.

Nature and Culture Initiative: Tiffany Windows Update

Interpretation of the Louis Comfort Tiffany windows is being done by Ned Pratt. Somewhere between twelve and twenty windows, mostly in churches will be part of the interpretation. Each window will have a PDF file that may be downloaded or printed.

The Hudson Valley congressional delegation is working hard to advance the NHA reauthorization bill, but bills are not advancing through Congress at this time.

Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary War Trail

Twenty Hudson Valley sites have been identified for interpretation along the W3R trail. A consultant is nearly done designing the information to be interpreted.

Executive Director Report

Acting Executive Director Mark Castiglione’s written Executive Director's report is appended to, and a part of these minutes. One highlight is the realization of a major success in implementing section 44-0113(30) of the Greenway Act of 1991 “To promote the Greenway as a single, tourism destination....” In its annual roundup of the twenty best places in the world to visit, National Geographic Traveler named the Hudson Valley as one such site.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Keller
Meeting Secretary