

Minutes of the Community Development Agency meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead at Riverhead Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Philip Cardinale,	Chairman
George Bartunek,	Member
Edward Densieski,	Member
Barbara Blass,	Member
John Dunleavy,	Member

Also Present:

Andrea Lohneiss,	CDA Director
Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk

Chairman Cardinale: "And open the CDA meeting to consider resolutions 17 and 18. And Andrea Lohneiss our CDA director at least until January 9th when she's going onto bigger and better things, will call them."

Member Densieski: "Excuse me, Phil. Did you hand out copies of 18? I don't have- "

Chairman Cardinale: "Yeah, I did. I should comment on this."

(Some inaudible comments among the members)

Chairman Cardinale: "Let me explain what 18 is in case you have not seen it yet."

The town attorney is here, well, I'll do it because I know what it is. Andrea is about to call 17 and 18. Eighteen which is added is an authorization of a legal action against the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Department of Environmental Conservation as you know had challenged for lead agency status on the Island Park site plan. We had said oh, not so fast. They- if there's a dispute between the DEC and the town, and this is what they call fair, the DEC commissioner makes the call and guess what? We lost. So we're asking a court to

reconsider because it is significant that we maintain- we believe control over our site plans at the EPCAL site.

So that's what that is. And would you call 17? We've adjourned the meeting and the CDA is open."

Resolution #17

Andrea Lohneiss: "CDA Resolution #17 is a calling a public hearing on the Community Development Agency's designation of Riverhead Resorts LLC as a qualified and eligible sponsor for the purchase and development of approximately 755 acres located within the planned recreational park zoning district of the premises known as the Enterprise Park at Calverton (EPCAL) consistent with the goals and objectives of the Calverton Enterprise Park Urban Renewal Plan (1998) and ratifies the publication of public notice. The hearing being called for Thursday, December 27th at 2:15 p.m."

Member Blass: "So moved."

Member Bartunek: "And seconded. But, Andrea, in four years of sitting on this town board there is one little bit of criticism that I would like to offer and that's the length of the titles of these resolutions."

Andrea Lohneiss: "If you look on the third page, the resolution was prepared by Frank Isler."

Supervisor Cardinale: "He's wordy, he's a lawyer. He gets paid by the word or at least by the time it takes to fit them on a page."

Member Bartunek: "Seconded."

Chairman Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Dunleavy, yes; Bartunek, yes; Blass, yes; Densieski."

Member Densieski: "I don't think we should be negotiating with Resorts. I think we took the better developer, Rexcorp, and put him aside.

But I think the bigger point today is doing major business before the new board members come on between Christmas and New Year's when a lot of people have scheduled and planned vacations. People are away. I just don't think lame duck board members should be making these big decisions. I think the new board members should be making these decisions. They are going to be here.

The people voted for them because of what they believed and what they campaigned on. I think it's bad government and bad business to

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do this major business during that time and I think Phil Cardinale said this and he said it well. If it's good today, it's good in two weeks. I just don't think we should be doing these things between now and the first of the year when the new board members come in. I have respect for the new board members who come in and the new town board.

I'm going to vote no."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Cardinale."

Chairman Cardinale: "That is a perennial issue. I disagree. I vote yes."

Andrea Lohneiss: "Resolution 17 is adopted."

Resolution #18

Andrea Lohneiss: "Resolution 18 as previously described, authorizes legal action against the New York State DEC for property, however, not owned by the CDA, but owned by Island Water Park."

Member Densieski: "So moved."

Member Bartunek: "And seconded."

Chairman Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Dunleavy, yes; Bartunek, yes; Blass, yes; Densieski, yes; Cardinale, yes."

Andrea Lohneiss: "Resolution 18 is adopted. Thank you."

Chairman Cardinale: "I'm going to close the meeting of the CDA. Thank you, Andrea."

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 p.m.