

Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency  
Special Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2007

The special meeting of the Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the Greater Syracuse Business Center, 1201 E. Fayette Street, Syracuse, New York.

Chairperson Robert Baldwin called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. with the following:

PRESENT:

Robert Baldwin  
John Rizzo  
Gregg Kidd  
Dan Healy

ABSENT:

Russell Andrews  
William Towsley  
Joseph Scuderi

ALSO PRESENT:

William Marquardt, Special Agency Counsel, Trespasz and Marquardt Law Firm  
Donald Western, Executive Director, Agency  
Kim Hall, Management Analyst, Office of Economic Development  
Karen Doster, Recording Secretary, Agency  
John Klucsik, Gilberti Law Firm  
Charles McDermott, C & S Engineers  
Richard Pietrafesa, Destiny USA  
Andy Brigham, OCRRA  
William Bulsiewicz, OCRRA

DESTINY USA RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT PARK, LLC (AMENDED) – FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Robert Baldwin stated that as part of the SEQRA review process after a draft EIS is received and after the comment period is over, the Agency needs to review and determine whether it is complete so that the Agency can commence with the findings statement. He stated that Special Agency Counsel and Agency engineers have reviewed the document.

William Marquardt stated that a great deal of time was spent with the applicant reviewing the first draft of the final EIS and the comments. He stated that it has gone through a number of revisions reflecting comments made by Counsel and C & S Engineers and he feels comfortable recommending that the EIS is complete for acceptance.

Charlie McDermott stated that C & S Engineers went through two rounds of comments on the final EIS and all comments have been addressed to their satisfaction.

Dan Healy asked if there is any kind of review of further environmental study that needs to be done when negotiations begin with OCRRA for their property. Don Western stated that if OCRRA relocates that project will be subject to its own EQRA review permitting process. He stated that in the revised documents the draft FEIS considers a project both with and without the OCRRA property.

Robert Baldwin stated that because of the nature of the project and prior publicity, the entire SEQRA review process has been ramped up considerably. He stated that the Agency Board should remember that this is just one step of a series of steps that need to be taken. He stated that the Agency findings may be adopted by the Town of Salina or OCRRA but each entity is ultimately going to have to conduct reviews for the other more specific steps such as site plan and traffic. He stated that the Agency is not in a position to make determinations on what impacts the property.

William Marquardt stated that the document analyzes the project and the environmental impacts both as originally proposed which includes the OCRRA site as well as without it.

Gregg Kidd stated that some of the responses in the EIS from Destiny USA are that the projects can work side by side and the property can be shared. He asked if OCRRA shares the same view. William Marquardt stated that their comments essentially speak for themselves, he can not speak to what conversations happened between OCRRA and Destiny. He stated that he and the C & S identify what the environmental impacts would be if they both stayed in place. He stated that one issue would be the traffic coming in and out of the site through the same driveway and would have an impact on the traffic flow. He stated that an effort was made to try and anticipate what the impact impacts would be if both stayed in place.

Robert Baldwin stated that the EIS as it stands has sufficient data to fully explore those situations. He stated that the purpose of this meeting is to determine whether or not there is sufficient data to be able to begin the process.

William Marquardt stated that the resolution walks through the history of the process of the project from an environmental standpoint. He stated that the DEIS was approved and now the question is if the FEIS is complete such that it provides that context within which to make environmental decisions going forward regarding a findings statement.

Upon A motion by Gregg Kidd, seconded by Dan Healy, the OCIDA Board approved a resolution determining that the final Environmental Impact Statement submitted by the applicant dated November 20, 2007 for the Destiny USA Research and Development Park project is a complete final Environmental Impact Statement, and to prepare, file and publish a notice of completion of the final EIS with Robert Baldwin and John Rizzo voting yes. Motion was carried.

Robert Baldwin stated that the FEIS is now determined to be complete and our review process starts. He stated that there have been a number of issues raised and asked if the checklist of the mitigation issues will be back before the board. William Marquardt stated that the next step is to prepare a findings statement.

Robert Baldwin stated that the issues are spelled out when going through the comments and responses. He stated that the engineers have a good handle on where we should be and he would like to hear from the engineers in more detail.

William Marquardt stated that he will work with the engineers and have a presentation for next meeting with more detail.

Don Western stated that the Board is scheduled to consider the findings statement to be reviewed at a special meeting on December 3 at 8:00 a.m.

Robert Baldwin asked the Board to review the FEIS and be prepared to discuss it in more detail at the special meeting.

Upon a motion by Dan Healy, seconded by Gregg Kidd, the OCIDA Board adjourned the regular Agency meeting at 8:20 am with Robert Baldwin and John Rizzo voting yes. Motion was carried.

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Donald J. Western