

March 11, 2004

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 3

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, that the following items are hereby received and filed.

- a. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 10M-8)
AMERICAN ZOO & AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION: Copy of Letter to President of Buffalo Zoological Gardens Re: Progress Report.
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- b. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 12D-11)
ECC: Adoption of Final Public Scoping Document.
(5-0)
- c. Item Page -2003 (Intro. 15-26)
MARINELLI & FISHER: Support for Buffalo Olmstead Parks Conservancy's Quest for Assistance in Proposal to Develop a Linear Park System Along Niagara River.
(5-0)
- d. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 16E-1)
MAJORITY CAUCUS: Copy of letter to River & Trails Program Re: Buffalo Olmstead Parks Conservancy Application.
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- e. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 16E-36)
MARINELLI: Letter to Rivers & Trails Re: Linear Parks System.
(5-0)
- f. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 17M-7)
TOWN OF COLDEN: Certified Resolution Re: Support for West Falls Library.
(5-0)
- g. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 17M-8)
US DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR: Letter to Legislator Marinelli Re: River & Trails Program.
(5-0)
- h. Item Page -2003 (Intro. 24-4)
CUSACK, SWANICK, LARSON, RANZENHOFER, McCARVILLE, CHASE & FALKNER: Support for the Independence of the ECC Board of Trustees.
(5-0)

- i. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 4D-3)
ECC: Minutes from Trustees Meeting Held 1/21/04.
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2. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 4E-12)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie County has undertaken a Commercial Facade Program through the federally funded Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the Program is to financially assist owners of commercial properties operating retail/business establishments within city and village retail centers, and hamlets of Countywide significance located in Erie County Community Development Consortium Communities; and

WHEREAS, in order to successfully carry out the Program professional architectural services are required to complete certain technical components of the Commercial Facade Program to said communities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the source of funds is money available within the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning Budget, DAC #290-835620830720, Facade Program -Commercial; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Clinton Brown Company Architecture, P .C. for commercial facade architectural services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature be directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the County Executive; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the Director of the Division of Budget, Management, and Finance; the County Attorney; and the Erie County Comptroller.
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3. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 6E-29)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Buff1llo Convention Center Management Corporation (BCCMC) and the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau (BNCVB) have requested approval from Erie County to change the name of the Buffalo Convention Center, which is owned by Erie County, to the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this name change to the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center is to increase the ability of the Buffalo Convention and Visitors Bureau to enhance the business of tourism in our County and region by providing more consistency and focus to the BNCVB' s marketing strategy and efforts; and

WHEREAS, Erie County places a high priority on the BNCVB' s mission to enhance the business of tourism in this County and this region, and also recognizes the economic importance and related tourism role of the Buffalo Convention Center, which hosts more than 350,000 people annually with an estimated impact of \$40 million on our local economy; and

WHEREAS, Erie County anticipates that more consistent, focused marketing will result from this name change and this will ultimately result in an increased return on the County's significant investment in tourism related purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into the necessary agreement with the Buffalo Convention Center Management Corporation, and other necessary parties, in order to change the name of the Buffalo Convention Center to the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive; the County Comptroller; the Director of the Division of Budget, Management, and Finance; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; Paul Murphy, Executive Director, Buffalo Convention Center Management Corporation, One Convention Center Plaza, Buffalo, New York 14202, and Richard Geiger, President/CEO, Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, 617 Main Street, Suite 400, Buffalo, New York 14203-1496.

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4. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 6E-34)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Forestry desires to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for Snowmobile Trail Development during the 2003 - 2004 snowmobile season in an amount not to exceed \$71,441.58, and

WHEREAS, the sum of \$1,000.00 is budgeted as a state revenue for snowmobile development in the 2004 Adopted Budget of the Division of Parks, and

WHEREAS, this agreement with the State shall pertain to such maintenance as performed by the Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry within the County parks and forest lots, as well as similar work performed by the individual Snowmobile Clubs of Erie County on club trails located outside County-owned lands,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for an amount not to exceed \$71,441.58 as pertains to snowmobile trail maintenance performed during the 2003-2004 snowmobile season, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to enter into contracts with the individual Snowmobile Clubs of Erie County for a total amount not to exceed \$66,420.20 for the purpose of snowmobile trail maintenance on club trails during the 2003-2004 snowmobile season, provided that the clubs meet all insurance and other requirements deemed necessary by the County, in amounts as follows:

Colden Trail Riders Inc.	\$ 4,942.83
Eden Trail Blazers Inc.	\$ 4,579.10
Grand Island Snowmobile Club Inc.	\$ 3,283.21
Hamburg Snowmobile Club Inc.	\$ 7,728.72
Holland Sno-Rascals Inc.	\$ 4,673.48
Marilla Sno-Mob Inc.	\$ 7,972.39
Northern Erie Snowseekers Inc.	\$ 9,885.67
Pioneer Sno-Surfers Inc.	\$ 3,971.69
Southern Tier Snowdrifters Inc.	\$ 8,979.56
WNY Snowmobile Club of Boston Inc.	\$10,403.55

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby approves the appropriation of anticipated state aid revenue in the Division of Parks, fund 110, project 942, dept. 640, account 553, in the amount of \$66,420.20, and an increase in appropriations in the amount of \$66,420.20, in the Division of Parks, fund 110, project 942, dept. 640, account 830, in order that funds may be available to make payment to the individual clubs of the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning, and Assistant County Attorney, Greg Dudek, of the Law Department.

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5. Item Page -2004 (Comm. 6E-40)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau's (BNCVB) mission is to promote our region nationally and world-wide as a convention, tourism, leisure and business destination for the economic benefit of our community and region; and

WHEREAS, Erie County places a high priority on the BNCVB's mission, and major foundations and corporate leaders in Erie County agree that growing the business of tourism, particularly cultural tourism, in our County and region is a critical component in our economic revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, in its previous contractual agreements with Erie County, the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau was designated as the Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA) for Erie

County, and was charged with promoting the region's cultural and heritage tourism assets, outdoor recreation amenities, convention and sports facilities; and

WHEREAS, based on the BNCVB's proposed 2004 Buffalo Niagara Marketing Plan, and related "Erie County-BNCVB Scope of Services", Erie County has determined that the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau should be designated as the 2004 Tourism Promotion Agency for Erie County, and that up to \$2.9 million in bed tax revenues, as deposited in the Erie County General Fund, be made available to the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau to significantly enhance the business of tourism in the County and region, and such tourism activities will focus on promoting our cultural tourism resources e.g. architecture, visual arts, and family attractions, among others, as well activities that feature our natural resource/recreational tourism potential e.g. sports fishery industry; and such promotion activities will include ongoing analysis of outcomes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a agreement with the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau which will designate the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau as the 2004 Tourism Promotion Agency (TPA) for Erie County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2004 Erie County-Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau Agreement will provide up to \$2.9 million dollars in hotel bed tax revenues, deposited in the General Fund of the 2004 Erie County Budget and allocated to Tourism, Visitors and Convention Services in DAC 110 9223028301885, to the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau for such purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive, County Comptroller; Director of the Division of Budget, Management, and Finance; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; and Richard Geiger, President/CEO, Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, 617 Main Street, Suite 400, Buffalo, NY 14203-1496.
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CHAIRMAN