

June 12, 2003

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 5

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT EXCEPT LEGISLATOR FISHER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed.

Item Page -2003 (Comm. 9M-21)
a. **WESTERN ERIE CANAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR PLANNING COMMISSION:**
Heritage Corridor Management Plan.
(4-0) Legislator Fisher absent.

2. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 10E-47)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the All Pro Hoops Camp, which will be held in Buffalo, New York from July 17-21, 2003, is a basketball camp designed to mentally and physically strengthen youth ages 7 through 17; and

WHEREAS, All Pro Hoops Camps, Inc., based in Sugar Land, Texas, as the organizing agency for this Buffalo event, invites NBA players to act as motivational speakers and to help with basketball instruction, making this truly a one-of-a-kind opportunity for Buffalo's youth; and

WHEREAS, Erie County funding is essential to the success of this camp, and when combined with the efforts of other local sponsoring corporations, these cooperative efforts can make a difference in the lives of youth participating in the camp; and

WHEREAS, GROUP Ministries, Inc., has agreed to be the local not-for-profit fiscal agent for this local basketball camp, and has requested that the County provide \$25,000 towards this eighth annual All Pro Hoops Camp to be held in Buffalo, New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into the necessary agreement with GROUP Ministries, Inc., in order to provide funds to this organization for purposes noted above; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds in the amount of \$25,000 are hereby transferred from the Regionalism/Economic Development Fund (DAC 110 9043038301299) to the following new sub-account under Contractual Agencies in Department 302, Public Benefit Agencies, as monitored by Environment and Planning:

GROUP Ministries, Inc.	\$25,000
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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 Reverend Arthur Boyd, GROUP Ministries, Inc., 1333 Jefferson Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14208-1808.

(3-1) Legislator Fisher absent. Legislator Weinstein in the negative.

3. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 11E-41)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, several summer tourism events and activities that will be held in Buffalo and Erie County this summer, which include the WNED Buffalo Niagara Guitar Festival, 2003 Canal Fest of the Tonawandas, the Police Athletic League's July 4 Summerfest in Delaware Park, the 3rd Annual Karibana International Parade and Festival, the Hispanic Music Festival 2003, and the Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts, will enhance our quality of life by providing thousands of our residents and tourists with recreational and cultural opportunities that highlight our distinct ethnic celebrations and feature nationally recognized entertainment, and such events result in significant economic benefits for the County and region; and

WHEREAS, continuation of the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau's efforts to support and grow the Binational Marketing Program that has developed over the last few years between New York State, Erie County and other regional entities, including several of our tourism venues with our counterparts in Southern Ontario, is essential to developing the potential of our tourism business in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and our region; and

WHEREAS, this Binational 2003 Marketing Program provides enhanced opportunities to market this summer to millions of visitors, the many cultural venues and attractions on both sides of the Niagara River, and by featuring our region as part of the Binational Niagara Tourism Destination, we can increase visitors' overnight stays, provide memorable visitor experiences, and enhance earned and sales tax revenues,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into the necessary agreements to provide funds, as specified below, to the organizations administering funds for these activities and events; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds in the amount of \$115,500 are hereby transferred from the Extraordinary County Aid to Local Governments Regionalism/Economic Development Funds (DAC 110 9043038301299) to the following new sub-accounts under Contractual Services in Department 302, Public Benefit Agencies, as monitored by Environment and Planning:

Western New York Public Broadcasting Association
Buffalo Niagara Guitar Festival - \$80,000

Canal Fest of the Tonawanda's, Inc.
Canal Fest 2003 - \$5,000

Police Athletic League of Buffalo, Inc.
July 4 Summerfest in Delaware Park - \$6,000

New Refuge House, Inc.
Hispanic Music Festival 2003 - \$5,000

Buffalo Karibana International Parade and Festival Inc.
3rd Annual Karibana Parade and Festival - \$3,000

Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts, Inc.
Summer Festival - \$2,500

Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau
2003 Binational Marketing Program - \$14,000

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, and the following sponsoring organizations: Donald Boswell, President & CEO, Western New York Public Broadcasting Association, P. O. Box 1263, Buffalo, New York 14240-1263; Robert J. Dann, Treasurer, Canal Fest of the Tonawandas, P.O. Box 1243, North Tonawanda, New York 14120; Otis N. Glover, Buffalo Karibana Parade and Festival, Inc., P. O. Box 482, Buffalo, New York 14215; Ramon Rodriguez, Hispanic Music Festival Coordinator, New Refuge House, Inc. 300 Niagara Street, Buffalo New York 14201; and Richard Geiger, President and CEO, Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, 617 Main Street, Suite 400, Buffalo, New York 14203-1496.

(4-0) Legislator Fisher absent.

4. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 11E-42)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Jozef Slawinski is recognized as one of our Country's most important sgraffito artists, and examples of his remarkable artwork and magnificent murals are located throughout the Buffalo-Niagara Region where Slawinski made his home for the last two decades before his death in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Hungarian Piarist fathers, who were associated with an educational religious order best known in Buffalo for establishing and operating the Calasanctius School, commissioned Jozef Slawinski to create a sgraffito mural honoring St. Joseph Calasanctius, for their American motherhouse complex in Derby, New York, that was purchased by the Piarists in the 1950's; and

WHEREAS, this sgraffito mural, also known as the "Calasanctius Mural", was completed in 1967 for display on an exterior dormitory wall of the Piarists' mother house complex, on property known as the Graycliff Estate in Derby, New York, which was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright as the summer home of the Darwin Martin family, and in the last decade the property was purchased from the Piarists by the Graycliff Conservancy, Inc., and has been the focus of a major historic restoration effort, and such restoration efforts and related state and national funding requirements

required the demolition of the dormitory building constructed by the Piarists and, thus, placed the “Calasanctius Mural” in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the remarkable efforts of two volunteer-based, not-for-profit organizations, the Polish Arts Club of Buffalo, Inc. in cooperation with the Graycliff Conservancy, Inc., the “Calasanctius Mural” has been safely kept since the dormitory demolition and will be moved to a new location on the exterior wall of Buffalo State College’s Butler Library, which is accessible to the public, in close proximity to our nationally recognized museums, and linked to the Buffalo State College careers of Jozef Slawinski and his wife; and

WHEREAS, through these extraordinary efforts, which have included significant collaborations with community partners including foundations, New York State, the County of Erie, and Buffalo State College, as well as with leaders in the private sector, the Polish Arts Club has assumed the leadership role in securing and seeking essential technical and financial support to both preserve the “Calasanctius Mural”, and furthering the development of a regional cultural tourism program featuring the many artworks of Jozef Slawinski which are located in our region; and

WHEREAS, County funding for the “Calasanctius Mural” and a related regional cultural tourism program will provide local residents, as well as visitors to our region with several opportunities to view the many works of Jozef Slawinski, and thus further document and substantiate the important role of this artist of Polish descent, as well as serve as a reminder of the continuing importance of Polish traditions and heritage which have been and continue to be significant components in Erie County’s and this region’s history and happenings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into the necessary agreement with the Polish Arts Club, Inc. in order to provide funds for the “St. Joseph Calasanctius Mural Project” and to further the related regional Slawinski cultural tourism program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that funds in the amount of \$20,000 are hereby transferred from the Extraordinary County Aid to Local Governments Regionalism/Economic Development Funds (DAC 110 9043038301299) to the following new sub-account under Contractual Services in Department 302, Public Benefit Agencies, as monitored by Environment and Planning:

Polish Arts Club in Buffalo, Inc
Jozef Slawinski’s “Calasanctius Mural” and Related Regional Cultural Tourism
Program - \$20,000

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; Peter Gessner, President, Polish Arts Club, Inc., 3210 Main Street, Suite 4, Buffalo New York 14214; Carole Bronnekant, President, Graycliff Conservancy, 32 Ivyhurst Road, Amherst, New York 14226; and Muriel Howard, Ph.D.,

President, Buffalo State College, Room 517, Cleveland Hall, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, New York 14222-1095.

(4-0) Legislator Fisher absent.

ELISE M. CUSACK
CHAIRPERSON