

JANUARY 17, 2008

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 1

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. CHAIRPERSON MARINELLI PRESENT AS EX -OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
 - a. COMM. 3E-37 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Dedication of Hotel Room Occupancy Tax Revenues in Support of Convention, Visitor and Tourism Services
(5-1) Legislator Ranzenhofer voted in the negative.
 - b. INTRO 7-2 (2007)
WEINSTEIN, MILLS & RANZENHOFER: Providing the Buffalo Niagara Convention & Visitors Bureau with a Dedicated Funding Stream
(5-1) Legislator Ranzenhofer voted in the negative.
 - c. COMM. 11E-1 (2007)
COMPROLLER: Audit of the Collection Procedures for the Erie County Hotel Occupancy Tax for the Period 2/28/06 - 2/28/07
(6-0)
 - d. COMM. 18M-12 (2007)
NEW PHOENIX THEATRE: Copy of Letter to ECRABB Chair Re: ECRABB Funding
(6-0)
 - e. COMM. 21M-3 (2007)
ECC: Community College Chargeback Rates
(6-0)
2. COMM. 21E-18 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
WHEREAS, Erie Community College previously identified a need for a capital project involving the demolition and redesign of the front entrance/plaza at South Campus in front of Building One, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000, which was not included as part of the original capital project budget approved by Erie County, and

WHEREAS, The college has incurred additional expenditures of \$65,000 for additional improvements to the front entranceway and to an adjacent parking lot and driveway; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists a balance of approximately \$334,000 in ECC's capital chargeback account, and

WHEREAS, the demolition and redesign most importantly addresses some health, safety and ADA concerns, but also provides for a significant enhancement of the overall appearance of the Building One entranceway which is the prime focal point for both new and returning students, and

WHEREAS, all costs incurred up to \$215,000 for this project will be paid out of ECC's capital chargeback account without utilizing operating funds, and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2006 the ECC Board of Trustees approved the \$150,000 capital project to be submitted for sponsor approval, and on October 24, 2007 the ECC Board of Trustees approved the \$65,000 additional project expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the ECC's Board of Trustees approved a capital project involving the demolition and redesign of the front entrance/plaza at South Campus in front of Building One at a cost estimated not to exceed \$150,000 to be funded by the Erie Community College Capital Chargeback Fund, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ECC's Board of Trustees approved additional capital project expenditures involving the demolition and redesign of the front entrance/plaza at South Campus in front of Building One at costs estimated not to exceed \$65,000, bringing this capital project cost estimate to a total of \$215,000, to be funded by the Erie Community College Capital Chargeback Fund, and be it further

RESOLVED, such project will be submitted to New York State for 50% state aid reimbursement, with such reimbursement being placed back into the capital chargeback account, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of ECC and the Chairman of the ECC Board of Trustees.
(6-0)

3. COMM. 21E-26 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie Community College (ECC), as a result of a PERB Settlement Agreement, is required to engage the services of Architectural/Engineering firms to provide general architectural/engineering services to allow CSEA employees at the college to properly complete numerous projects in a more timely manner; and

WHEREAS, Erie Community College advertised a Request for Architectural and Engineering Services Proposal from architectural /engineering firms due May 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, after careful joint review of each responding firm's capabilities by ECC and the Erie County Department of Public Works (DPW), three (3) firms were selected as having the necessary expertise, experience and manpower to provide the required services; and

WHEREAS, the college has DPW's approval to utilize the services of these outside architectural/engineering firms; and

WHEREAS, certain of these firms have been assisting ECC with the expansion of the Vehicle Technical Training Center, Autobody Repair Shop, 45 Oak Street, South Campus Plaza Renovation and the North Campus S Building electrical upgrades amongst other projects; and

WHEREAS, ECC has adequate funds available in its 2006-2007 college budget to fund these expenses; and

WHEREAS, the ECC Board of Trustees can approve consulting agreements of up to \$50,000 and did approve at its May 30th, 2007 meeting, up to \$50,000 in expenditures to Steivator & Associates, Advanced Architect and Planning and DiNato & Associates for architectural/engineering services desired; and

WHEREAS, the ECC Board of Trustees would also like approval of additional expenditures of \$75,000 for Stievator & Associates and \$40,000 for Advanced Architect and Planning for 2006 – 2007 because of the large number of projects currently under way or in the planning stages; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature is the only body authorized to approve service agreements in excess of \$50,000 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that Erie Community College is authorized to issue college Purchase Orders on behalf of the Erie County Department of Public Works for the 2006-2007 year to Stievator & Associates in the total amount of \$125,000, to Advanced Architect and Planning for \$90,000, and to Dinato & Associates for \$50,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the source of funds available to pay for these expenses is available in ECC's accounts and has been authorized by ECC's Board of Trustees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the college will work jointly with the Department of Public Works on any projects requiring the use of any of the architect /engineering firms.
(6-0)

4. COMM. 21E-27 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie Community College previously identified a need for a capital project involving an approximate 2,270 square foot addition at the Autobody Program, South Campus, which was not included as part of the original capital project budget approved by Erie County, and

WHEREAS, a previous ECC Board of Trustees resolution approving this project at a cost not to exceed \$275,000 was approved with a mix of funding to support the project coming from the chargeback fund (\$167,000) and using the SUNY High Needs Program funding (\$108,000), and

WHEREAS, actual costs of construction, additional professional fees and change orders necessitated to enhance the project result in additional expenditures required of \$170,000, bringing the needed chargeback account funding required to \$337,000, and

WHEREAS, there currently exists a balance of approximately \$334,271 in ECC's capital chargeback account, net of the \$167,000 already set aside for this project, thus there is available funding for the project, and

WHEREAS, the 2,270 square foot addition allows the College to support the significant increase in student autobody program enrollment, supports the substantial growth in vehicle training partnerships, assists in enhancing the ability to add additional partnership training dollars spent by local companies that will remain in Erie County, and

WHEREAS, costs incurred up to approximately \$337,000 for this project will be paid out of ECC's capital chargeback account without utilizing operating funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the ECC Board of Trustees approved additional expenditures of \$170,000 for the autobody addition capital project and previously approved an original \$275,000 for this capital project, presently totaling costs not to exceed \$445,000, of which \$337,000 will be funded through the college's capital chargeback funds, and be it further

RESOLVED, that pending ECC Board of Trustees and Erie County Legislative approval, such capital project will be submitted to New York State for the 50% state aid reimbursement, with such reimbursement being placed back into the capital chargeback account, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Interim President of ECC and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of ECC.
(6-0)

5. INTRO I-3 (2008) **AS AMENDED**
IANNELLO, GRANT, REYNOLDS, KENNEDY, LOUGHRAN, MAZUR
and MILLER-WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, CROSBY FIELD in the Village of Kenmore has held the name since 1940 when Kenmore West High School moved its athletic field to its campus; and

WHEREAS, it was designated such in honor of Lt. HARRY E. CROSBY who was killed in action in World War I on September 29, 1918; and

WHEREAS, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2472 in Kenmore bears the name of HARRY E. CROSBY, in honor and memory of his heroism; and

WHEREAS, the local veterans community is among the opponents to the name change, while Carl Maranca, representing the HARRY E. CROSBY Post has publicly stated the name should remain as is; and

WHEREAS, prior to entering service to his country, Lt. HARRY E. CROSBY ran for Village Trustee, was a 32nd degree Mason who loved his community and was a man who loved his family, a wife and two daughters; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, nationally and locally, it has been a tradition to honor those patriots who cherished liberty and made the ultimate sacrifice to advance the cause of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Lt. HARRY E. CROSBY is among those who represent the best of nation and has earned the gratitude of the American people; and

WHEREAS, a most significant means to show our debt of gratitude, to cherish those such as Lt. HARRY E. CROSBY, is to keep their contributions and name alive and to name a public site in their honor; and

WHEREAS, there are no individuals today to remind us of the story of those who have gone before us, those who have borne the battle of World War I, making it all the more significant that we do not forget their role in history and in our daily lives; and

WHEREAS, like the heroes of World War I, today a new generation of men and women, along with their families, are sacrificing their lives, in order to secure freedoms around the world and protect those freedoms within our borders to which we are accustomed; and

WHEREAS, we as Americans must send them the message that their sacrifices are recognized and appreciated in this time of war and that their sacrifices will play a role in our history, knowing that they will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Honorable Body that a public discussion is underway to change the name of this time honored site, no longer calling it by the name of CROSBY FIELD; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to eliminate the name of this local war hero from public recognition would send a distressful message to our heroes overseas and at home, and would be totally inappropriate while our nation is at war or at any given time in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this elected body, the Erie County Legislature, wishes to go on record against eliminating the name of CROSBY FIELD as the formal and public name of this site which has been called by such for almost 70 years; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such action would serve to diminish and erase the significance we place on our forefathers who sacrificed for us to preserve our free society; and be it further

RESOLVED, that commemorating our war heroes is necessary in order to express our appreciation for their unparalleled exploits, persistence, devotion and bravery in the name of freedom both historically and at this time; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to all members of the Kenmore – Town of Tonawanda School Board, the Town of Tonawanda Supervisor and all Town of Tonawanda Council members.

(6-0)

BETTY JEAN GRANT
CHAIRPERSON