

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
OF THE
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A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislature Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on January 30, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Lynne C. Nowick, Chairwoman
Leg. Lou D'Amaro, Vice Chair
Leg. Kara Hahn
Leg. Wayne R. Horsley
Leg. Steven H. Stern

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay, 8th Legislative District
George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel to the Legislature
Renee Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Robert Lipp, Acting Director/Budget Review Office
Robert Doering, Budget Review Office
Greg Dawson, Commissioner/Parks Department
Greg Moran, Aide to Leg. Nowick
Michael Pitcher, Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay
Paul Perillie, Aide to Legislator Gregory
Nick Gibbons, Principal Environmental Analyst/Parks Department
Thomas Vaughn, County Executive Assistant III
Lance Reinheimer, Director/Vanderbilt Museum
Ron Beattie, Vanderbilt Museum
Marie Berkoski, Aide to County Executive
Ali Nazir, Aide to Leg. Kennedy.
Joseph Dujmic, Reappointment/Vanderbilt Museum Commission
Rick Brand, Newsday
And all other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Denise Weaver, Legislative Aide

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:10 PM

CHAIRWOMAN NOWICK:

Okay. We are going to start the Parks and Recreation Committee.

SALUTATION

Welcome to the 2013 Parks and Recreation Committee. We have a new member, my Vice Chair, Legislator D'Amaro. And the rest of us are holdovers; right?

Okay, I see our Commissioner is sitting here and you will jump right in when you want to. But first we do have a card from Ron Beattie, from the Vanderbilt.

MR. BEATTIE:

Hello, and thank you all for your having me. And, you know, I say this, if you look at our board minutes all the time, how appreciative we are of this Legislature to have continued to support the Vanderbilt board as you guys have you done in keeping the doors open, which, you know, four or five years ago wasn't all that certain. And, you know, we do appreciate all the help we do get from -- from the Legislature.

I had three things I wanted to mention. One, that Lance just asked me to mention is the press release went out today for the March 14th reopening of the planetarium. So you'll be seeing that. Our very good public relations guy is putting that out as we speak. We hope everybody will be there for the opening. Another real great bit of support that we got from the Legislature is a \$3 million projector and a million dollars to rebuild the theater. We're really excited about it. So if you see this technology -- we saw a preview -- it's jaw-dropping stuff. So thanks for all you do. March 14th, make sure you're at the Vanderbilt Planetarium.

The other thing I wanted to talk to you about is the reappointment of Joe Dujmic, who is also serving as my first Vice President on the board. I'm sure a lot of you know Joe in other ways, but he's been for the last year my first Vice President, someone I can really count on and hope you reappoint him to the board.

The other -- the last thing I'd like to talk to you about is this legislation that's been proposed about the -- the executive director qualifications. The board was never consulted on this. We only found out a day before at the first board meeting. I would ask this Committee to table that for at least a month so that the board can discuss it and find out what kind of repercussions we might have in terms of our accreditation or anything else. We'd just like to take a look at it and weigh in on it. You appointed us as a board; I would think that our opinion on it would be valuable to you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

And not to interrupt you, but just so you know, it's a local law so it's going to be tabled for a public hearing anyway.

MR. BEATTIE:

Oh, okay. All right. Thank you. That's all I have. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you. I know, Lance, you wanted to talk to us. You didn't fill out a card, but you could always do that later, but come on up.

MR. REINHEIMER:

Thank you very much. As Ron said, you know, Ron and I are here today to jointly announce really 15 years in the making the renovation and opening of the planetarium. This is world-class. It really is. We sent out e-mails to all of you yesterday or the day before announcing the private reception for people that are important to the museum, sponsors and for people that have supported us in the past.

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This is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14th. And then we're following that up -- the next night is opening for the public. So this is -- we're real excited. Construction isn't completely done yet but we will be done by that date. And so I hope -- urge all of you to come. And this is something that Suffolk County should be real proud of. We're going to have a world-class planetarium here. And the Legislature and the County Executive are responsible, and Public Works, for making this a reality. It's a long time in coming.

In addition to that, I'd like to leave you all with a copy of our annual report. It really goes on for two years. Ron and I put this together and we wanted to show you all the great things that the museum is doing. So we have nothing but good news to report. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Thank you, Lance. Commissioner, did you want to talk to us about anything?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Good afternoon, Madam Chair. I just wanted to say welcome back, happy new year. Legislator D'Amaro, welcome to the board, look forward to working with you.

I want to give you a quick update on the outer beaches. We had spoken at the last meeting regarding the conditions of the beaches after Superstorm Sandy and we don't really see any -- any issues with opening up the beaches per se. We lost some sand. And camping should be fine, but we think we're going to have some issues with the outer beach specifically at Smith's Point. We suffered some severe erosion on the beach and the dune system. And we think that now that the dunes are gone and we have a lot more flat open space of sand, it might increase the habitat for the Piping Plover so we anticipate more closures this year than we had in the past.

(P.O. Lindsay entered the meeting)

This time of the year is when we begin selling our outer beach permits. So we're asking the public as they apply for these things to kind of sign an affidavit that acknowledges that we might have more closings than usual, if not might not open at all. And because there -- there are no refunds for these passes. So we want to get the public a head's up before we begin selling them.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

You said the dunes -- the dunes have eroded quite a bit.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

The dunes are pretty much nonexistent on the outer beach at Smith's Point.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

So do we start a process now for the future planting and -- to protect or try to build up the dunes?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Well, the Department short-term we've -- since the storm we've put up about four-and-a-half miles of snow fence along the outer beach from the campsites out towards Moriches Inlet. The last nor'easter we had right -- it was sometime mid December took out some of that snow fence. So we continue to shore that up in hopes that the sand will pile up on top of the snow fencing.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

But when you do that, and the fence is a good idea, but don't you do -- aren't you -- well, I don't know, but I know beaches down south in order to protect the dunes years ago they did the plantings. And as the plantings, of course, the plants get bigger, they protect the dunes. Do we do things like that?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yes, we do. I mean, the first thing you have to do is establish the dune. And this year -- I didn't mention it before -- we worked with Home Depot and some of the local fire departments and got a donation of 3000 Christmas trees that were left over from the Christmas season and used that to shore up. Once you -- once you have a dune system established, you can plant beach grasses and it kind of helps sustain it. It didn't --

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

How long you think it takes before you shore it up and then you can start planting and looking forward like that?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Umm.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

And hoping there's no more superstorms.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I think it's years.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Years.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yeah. And I know that -- we had a meeting about three, four weeks ago, Public Works, Gil Anderson held a meeting with -- with a lot of the regulatory agencies, people from down at Mastic at that Mastic Beach area because they're concerned about the dune system and to try to get that -- try to get that rebuilt, but it's an issue that's -- that's a problem for Montauk all the way down to -- all the down to the Rockaways. It's tens, hundreds of millions of dollars.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Unless you bring the sand in.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

We have issues with sands -- issues with sand sources and everything else. So that's a long-term -- that's a long-term issue. We're just trying to do what we can do short-term to assist.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

How are the golf courses? Hitting any houses lately?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Golf courses are closed with the exception of -- with the exception of Indian Island out in Riverhead.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

They're going to open up on time -- in March?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

They will open up on time. We had some -- again, after Superstorm Sandy, we had some issues out on the blue course in Timber Point; tremendous amount of work. The crews were out -- working out diligently. They got the place cleaned up and, you know, top dressed it and cedared it. But then we had again, we had that nor'easter in mid December, it kind of wiped out of efforts, but they've been back at it again and we're hopeful that, you know, at least the blue course by, you know, mid June should be open. But the courses in March will open on time.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay, but the blue course won't open up until June.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Possibly not.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

And what about that netting that came down, is that going to -- that netting in question that was going to project the homes, didn't that netting come down in Superstorm Sandy?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

There is a section of netting that came down at Bergen Point, very close to Mr. Romano's house. He's already contacted us. And we assured him that before the season starts, we'll fix it. It doesn't make sense to fix it now because we anticipate more storms, more ice buildup.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. Good, that's being taken care of. Does anybody else have any questions? Legislator Hahn and then Legislator D'Amaro.

LEG. HAHN:

I hope I'm not repeating a question. Have you -- do you do any sand testing for contaminants? Because I know there were lots of reports of oil tanks in homes that were flooded, the oil tanks coming out sometimes floating in the water maybe winding up on beaches and other areas. I'm just wondering if there's any kind of effort to test to sand test.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Not that I'm aware. Nick Gibbons is in the back. I could defer to him that question, but I don't believe so. No.

LEG. HAHN:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Legislator D'Amaro.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Thank you, Madam Chair. Commissioner, thank you for your comments at the beginning of the meeting. I look forward to working with you as well on this committee.

I had a question. I wanted to go back to the Smith's Point. You said the dunes, the sand dunes there are virtually nonexistent. And what came to my mind when you said that was, you know, the what if. What if while we're in that state, while you're going through several years of trying to restore restoration of the dunes, we have another perfect storm, so to speak, coming up and hitting those beaches? What is the risk? And what are we doing to address that short-term risk?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I don't think there's much that we can do -- I mean from a department standpoint, again, we're putting snow fence up, we're putting Christmas trees out. But that, again, that's very short-term. It's a long-term -- it's a long-term problem. It's not just the communities along -- along the south shore opposite Smith's Point. It's a problem the entire length of the barrier beach. I mean, Ocean Beach and Saltaire, all those communities on Fire Island have the same issue so I don't really have an answer for you.

LEG. D'AMARO:

So let me ask you this then: If we did have tomorrow a similar storm, how more -- how much more severe would it be to those communities given the state of the dunes and the barrier beaches right now?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

If you're asking the likelihood of them being flooded? It's likely.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Well, I know they'll be flooded because this happened even when they were in their prior state. But what I'm getting at is are more people -- even people who weren't touched by the hurricane Sandy, would the damage extend even beyond that more inland?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I couldn't answer that question.

LEG. D'AMARO:

So, the County, we're not doing any type of short-term assessment with respect to putting something -- stopgap measures in place to try and protect those beaches and protect the residents down there and -- and on the shore?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

At this stage of the game I'm not sure that there's much that we can do. I mean, there is no sand source to put -- to rebuild the dune system. It's --

LEG. D'AMARO:

Well, I mean other than the dune system, are there -- is there anything else that's contemplated that could be done?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Not that I'm aware. I mean, that might be a question for Public Works.

LEG. D'AMARO:

All right. Okay. So at this point though -- so it's not within your purview, you feel, then, to address the chances that we may have another storm before the restoration efforts are complete?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Well, I think we work hand in hand with the Department of Public Works as we did to close the two breaches out at Cupsogue and Smith's Point.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Right. All right. So -- all right -- other than putting in the Christmas trees and trying to rebuild the dunes over time, though, there's no short-term stopgap measures that are -- that someone came up with and said this is what we need do at least short-term to minimize the impact if we should get another storm relatively soon?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Not that I'm aware.

LEG. D'AMARO:

That's surprising. Okay, thank you.

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And listening to what Legislator D'Amaro just said, do we ever work together, I mean -- we're a northern state, do we ever work together and -- work together with the coastal regions of the United States, like, South Carolina, North Carolina and Florida who are hit regularly by storms and who have the same problems, brainstorming with government in those areas or federal government and see what they do in relation to what Lou just said as far as being prepared for the next storm, which could be in two or three months, four months? Rather than just -- I mean, maybe they have other ideas. Do we ever reach out?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Well, I -- I mean, we had, again, as indicated, Commissioner Anderson had a meeting, I want to say three weeks ago, with groups -- with FEMA, the State, the County to kind of brainstorm to see -- to see what -- what type of long-term solutions we can put in place to rebuild the system.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

But I'm thinking more in terms of going south. Because they have so many storms and hurricanes and they still have beaches.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Right. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Just a thought. Does anybody else have any questions for the Commissioner?

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Can I follow-up?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Of course you can.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Thank you, Lynne. Let me just ask you a couple of quick questions as far as the -- is it a -- Commissioner, is it a matter of -- I know there's a lot of different things that -- that would stop dredging and to build dunes, that type of thing; one, be permits, two, money, of course, and three, is there any sand to be had elsewhere? Is it money?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I think it's a combination. I think it's -- it's money's a --

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Because as far as I know, the State is still in a state of an emergency. Is there any, you know -- I know that, you know, that when Robert Moses was a -- was -- had problems after the storm, the State filled it in. I mean, is this -- is this something that -- is anybody remiss in that we're not doing emergency measures to protect Smith's Point?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

No, I don't think so. Like I said, the problem goes from Montauk to -- Montauk all the way to --

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

I know, I was thinking more specifically the park itself.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

But, I mean, they did step in. The Army Corps of Engineers stepped in, FEMA stepped in --

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Right.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

-- to close the breaches. I mean, they took care of the most significant problems and they did it almost immediately, which is kind of unheard. They enacted the Breach Contingency Plan. We were very lucky enough to have a contractor onsite working at the -- the Old Forge River. They mobilized right away. They filled the breaches within three weeks. So I think they kind of did what they can. We're very appreciative of it.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Right, right. The one over in Fire Island is still open; right?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

The -- yeah, that's on -- that's on Fire Island National Seashore property Old Inlet, yeah, it's --

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Yeah, I know, right, yeah.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

It's still open.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Okay. All right, so what you're really saying is it's not just money. It's that at this point in time until we get a -- a combined effort from all parties we can't -- because the problem is just too big for the County.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Pretty much, yeah.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Okay. I think that says it.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Is there anybody else that would like to talk to the Commissioner or ask questions? Okay, Commissioner, thank you.

We will go now to tabled resolutions if nobody else has any questions.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

1700 - Repealing twilight fee at County beaches. (Browning) I'll make a motion to table.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Second by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? **1700 is tabled. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0 - P.O. LINDSAY INCLUDED IN THE VOTE)**

1949 - To modify golf fees for Veterans. (Schneiderman) I have not spoken to the sponsor of this. I know it was tabled last time. I'm going to make a motion to table.

LEG. D'AMARO:

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I'll second the motion to table. Was there a Fiscal Impact Statement issued on this? And if so -- I don't have it handy.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

George?

MR. DOERING:

There was a Fiscal Impact prepared on this. Essentially the impact was indeterminant pending utilization of the discounted rate.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Pending what? I'm sorry.

MR. DOERING:

The utilization of the discounted rate. How many people would opt, how many veterans would opt to play, you know, because of the discounted rate.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Well, we do know that we would certainly bring in less revenue. We just don't know how much. Is that what you're saying?

MR. DOERING:

Well, there's a possibility that it would encourage more veterans to play so we're not sure. So there could be more revenue also.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Well, have we discounted fees in any other area, these type of fees? Because this is -- this is discounting or modifying golf fees for veterans, right? So -- well, just with BRO, what other fees have we discounted similar to -- similar to these fees for veterans?

MR. DOERING:

I would have to look into that and get back to you.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Well, when you do the Fiscal Impact Statement -- my point is that if we've done it in the past, has it ever resulted -- or maybe, Commissioner, you would know -- has it ever really resulted in more users or payers of the fee where -- so we're discounting a fee but actually enhancing revenue? I mean, at this point we should have some track record to make a determination whether or not -- you know, it's a different issue whether we want to do it any way, even if the County gets less revenue and there are other policy considerations for that. But I would think that we discounted enough fees at this point where we could get some sense of whether or not that usually results in more revenue or less revenue.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I think that's a tough -- we have definitely discounted fees with -- I couldn't sit here today and tell you whether that resulted in increased play or park usage.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Excuse me, for one minute.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Yeah, go right ahead.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

I think you know who could probably answer that question would be the -- the Pro Shop would

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probably know if -- I know we did -- we did something last year where the young people, the kids could play. What was it for \$10 if they brought a parent with them.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yeah, yeah.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

And the Pro Shop, the pros seemed to think that that did bring in more business.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Right. And that would be good news. My point to the Budget Review Office is that your Fiscal Impact Statement says indeterminate; meaning that we have to implement it to see it where it lands. Well, when we've done this in the past, I'm sure we had a Fiscal Impact Statement that said it's indeterminate. So now that we've implemented, have we determined what the impact is on those other measures that we already approved? And I think that would get us a sense of whether or not we're enhancing revenue or diminishing revenue, putting aside the policy consideration of whether or not we should be doing this or not.

You see, in my -- in my estimation the Fiscal Impact Statement here should really have gone to the similar fees that we've discounted and at least given us the track record as to what's happened in the past.

LEG. HAHN:

Just quickly, I think it would be very hard to determine that. Because if you don't take a baseline for what the usage is by the particular group that we're giving a break to, such as in this case veterans, before the fee goes into place, you'd have to know how many veterans use the course -- the courses before the fee goes into place. And then, you know, compare other statistic -- statistically compare it to what happens afterwards. I don't think we've entered into those kind of statistical analysis before the fee is actually implemented in order to do that kind of before and after analysis.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Well, I'm not sure whether or not we have that information. And, if so, then BRO needs to tell me that. We do -- I believe we do give senior discounts. I believe that we have a record of who's using that senior discount. And I think that we probably have a way to calculate what the total senior discount has been and then we can compare that to other years before and after the discounts went into effect. If we have all that data -- I'm not saying, Legislator Hahn, that we have all the data. What I'm saying is that, you know, time and again in a very difficult economy we're looking at reducing fees. And, again, the policy decision may warrant it, whether we're losing money or enhancing revenue. But I would like to know at this point what's been the track record in the past with similar fees if we have that.

MR. LIPP:

Okay. So if you don't mind me interjecting. So, yes, in a perfect world, we should have that information. You're 100% correct. We hadn't had the time to vet out whether or not we do have that data. That being said, we will look into it. And although I can't say for sure if we have the information or not, we will try to provide some information --

LEG. D'AMARO:

That's fine.

MR. LIPP:

-- for the Tuesday General Meeting. That being said, if you want, you could always discharge it.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Yeah, well, my point is -- and I think I need to say this on the record, I'm not opposed to giving veterans every break that they deserve for all the reasons that we would all agree on. But I do want to go in and make an informed decision and with my eyes open. And if we do have some way, Robert, of determining, you know, *at the end of the day, we've done this four times before for other groups and here's how it's resulted*, it would be great news to hear that it actually gives vets a discount while enhancing revenue to the County.

MR. LIPP:

Right.

LEG. D'AMARO:

That would be the perfect scenario. If it does not, then, we'll make a policy decision on that. But I would think at this point we have something available.

MR. LIPP:

You're right. Point well taken. We have to look into it and hopefully we'll have something for you on Tuesday.

LEG. D'AMARO:

All right. I appreciate that very much.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

I get the feeling, and I could be wrong, the intention of the sponsor -- I could be wrong, but I don't think it was a revenue-increasing intention; I have a feeling it was more like a respect for the vets.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Sure.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

That's what I'm thinking. But, of course, your point is well taken.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Yeah, we would know.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

I know what the young people that did -- I don't think -- I don't know if it increased a lot of revenue but it sure -- it brought the parents in. And it also brought people onto a golf course that had to be open anyway, but yet many times on Saturday and Sunday it was empty. So it kept everybody working. And anyway, is there any other question for -- in relation to this resolution? Otherwise we have a motion to table. Yes.

LEG. STERN:

I know there was some talk with Legislator Schneiderman about an amendment. I'm just inquiring as to whether that amendment was, in fact, made. One of the issues, going to Legislator D'Amaro's concern about where this would end up from a fiscal perspective, acknowledging that concern the sponsor was going to changing this to a one-year pilot so that there could be a definitive time to be able to do that analysis. So I guess my question for George is whether that amendment has been made? I think there were some other issues as well, but I know that that was -- that was the first one on the list.

MR. NOLAN:

Yes, in fact, Legislator Schneiderman did amend the bill to make it a one-year pilot.

LEG. STERN:

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Well, the other issue was because there -- at this point, of course, it is indeterminate as to whether there would be enhanced revenue or decrease in revenue. And because there are fees that have been worked into our budget for this year, the question was whether or not this violates our own rules as to whether you make a change in -- in a source of revenue during a budget year.

I believe, George, if I remember how the conversation went, that perhaps we do not run afoul of that requirement because the Fiscal Impact Statement was indeterminate. So you can't make that determination as to whether or not there would be a reduction in revenue in the budget year, but maybe you can speak to that and maybe you can also speak to whether the amendment, as made, addresses that concern.

MR. NOLAN:

Yeah, I don't think the amendment is really relevant to that particular issue. We do have a law that states if -- if you reduce a revenue during the year, during the budget year, then you have to find some type of offset by either cutting something elsewhere or increase it -- increasing revenue somewhere else.

The problem we're running into, we've run into this now a couple of times is, determining whether or not there is lost revenue. And that's the case here where Budget Review has said it's indeterminate what the fiscal impact is going to be one way or the other. And that being the case, it's impossible for me to say that this resolution's out of order. It's not. You'll probably recall maybe a couple of months ago we ran into the same thing with bus fees for veterans. And we ended up reducing the fare for veterans because we couldn't determine what the fiscal impact was.

LEG. STERN:

George, do you believe then with the changes that have been made to this proposal, that this proposal is now consistent with what was ultimately done with -- with the bus fares?

MR. NOLAN:

It's completely consistent with that.

LEG. STERN:

There was one other question and that was the start date. If I remember the conversation, something needed to be changed with the start date as a way to also not run afoul of our -- of our requirement. Do you know whether or not that change has been made?

MR. NOLAN:

I think probably what the discussion was last year was -- this was originally introduced in October. So perhaps what we discussed was the idea of making the effective date January 1st so then there wouldn't have been that issue with lost revenue. However, we're into the new budget year now. It's going to go into effect immediately, as all our resolutions do, unless we state otherwise. So that issue is out there. But as we discussed, because the fiscal impact is indeterminate, the resolution can move ahead. It's not legally barred from moving ahead.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

We have a motion to table and a second. And I know that Bob just said -- Robert just said he is going to get some information for us. Would it be a problem to wait for February 27th to meet again since if we do approve it, it goes into effect immediately?

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

The courses won't be open anyway.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

So you can bring the information to us and the Committee rather than to the full Legislature so at

least we can vet it here. Would you be okay with everybody?

LEG. D'AMARO:

Yeah, that's fine with me.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

So we have a motion to table and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **1949 is tabled.**
(VOTE: 6-0-0-0 - P.O. LINDSAY INCLUDED IN THE VOTE)

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

IR 2228 - Authorizing Montauk Chapter of the Boy Scouts to enter into a License Agreement. (Schneiderman) I will make a motion to approve, second by Legislator Horsley.

LEG. HAHN:

Motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

And motion to table.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

Yeah, I think we were requesting that that resolution be tabled for at least one cycle.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. That would have been a question.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

I'm sorry, was there --

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. So I will withdraw the motion to approve. And we have a motion to table by Legislator Hahn, second by myself.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Just on the motion.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

On the motion.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Just very briefly, Commissioner, is there a concern about the one year nonexclusive lease to the Montauk Chapter of the Boy Scouts? Is it -- is it that it's one year? Is it that the house is in a state of disrepair? I mean, what are the concerns that the Department has?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

We want to give Department of Public Works the opportunity to go out there and look at the facility before we commit to doing certain things that are in the resolution.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Okay. So you're going to survey the house and see if this makes sense from the County's perspective as well?

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

That's correct.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER DAWSON:

The Public Works is.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Right. I appreciate that. Okay, very good. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

We have a motion to table and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 2228 is approved, excuse me, tabled. **TABLED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0 - P.O. LINDSAY INCLUDED IN THE VOTE)**

IR 1000 - Reappointing Joseph S. Dujmic as a member of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum Commission (Trustee No. 13). (Spencer) Mr. Dujmic is here, although he doesn't need to be. We are reappointing you and unless somebody has a problem I --

LEG. D'AMARO:

I'd like to offer a motion to approve.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

A motion to approve by Legislator D'Amaro, second by Legislator Hahn. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **1000 is approved. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0 - P.O. LINDSAY INCLUDED IN THE VOTE)** And thank you so much for volunteering and serving. It's a -- really helps us at the Vanderbilt.

LEG. HAHN:

Another fine example why I think we should have appointment resolutions in the beginning of the agenda.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay.

LEG. D'AMARO:

And, also, just if I could add my two cents into that, just to Mr. Dujmic, who I know very well and personally, I just want to say I appreciate you taking the opportunity once again to serve the County and the Vanderbilt in this capacity. I think you're more than qualified for the position and it's very much appreciated. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. You don't have to be here on Tuesday unless you wish to come and join us.

MR. DUJMIC:

Thank you.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

And good luck with it.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. **IR 1020 - Adopting Local Law No. -2013, A Local Law to enlarge qualifications for Museum Director. (Pres. Off.)** That has to be tabled for a public hearing. I'll make that motion.

LEG. D'AMARO:

Second.

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CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Second by Legislator D'Amaro. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **1020 is Tabled for Public Hearing. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0 - P.O. LINDSAY INCLUDED IN THE VOTE)**

And if there is nothing else, I will adjourn.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:43 PM

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