

Buffalo & Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee

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Minutes of the March 23, 2017 Meeting

Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, 726 Exchange Street, Suite 525 Buffalo, NY

The meeting followed the agenda and was opened by Chairman Alan J. Bozer.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM.

2. Roll Call and Remarks:

Members in Attendance: Alan J. Bozer, Jason Paananen and Carol Jasen Sampson.

Chairman Bozer acknowledged that with three Committee members in attendance at the meeting, an additional Committee meeting will be required with representation by all four members in order to formally approve today's agenda items. He acknowledged that since all of the grant applicants were present, the Committee will proceed with the agenda.

The Chairman further stated that the Buffalo and Erie County Greenway Fund Standing Committee is announcing today seven awards totaling approximately \$1.6 million. Combined with award spending on previously awarded multi-year projects, this year's award total exceeds \$2 million. This year's funding applications were submitted by the Jan. 20 deadline.

Greenway project funding is provided by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) as part of a 2007 settlement agreement related to the 50-year federal license of NYPA's Niagara Power Project. During the term of the license, the Greenway Committee fund receives \$2 million annually and with these awards has now committed \$20MM to our area. The Greenway Committee is comprised of one representative each from Erie County, Buffalo, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and NYPA

Over the years, we have seen the effects of Greenway funding in a necklace of green trails and parks from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. Once again, we are very pleased to see these awards distributed to projects so nicely aligned with our mission to benefit our River communities.

3. Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes of March 2, 2017. Moved by Jason Paananen , Second by Carol Jasen Sampson.

Approved 3-0.

4. Annual Report

Motion to adopt the 2016 Annual Report: Activity through January 31, 2017. Moved by Jason Paananen , Second by Carol Jasen Sampson.

Approved 3-0.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Project Funding Determinations:

Chairman Bozer stated that I am placing on the record at this time that two representatives on the

Standing Committee recused themselves from voting on the Explore & More children's museum application: Brendan Mehaffey and Alan J. Bozer. In each case the alternate representative participated in the discussion.

The Chairman read aloud the name of the applicant, project name and award amount to receive Buffalo and Erie County Greenway 2016 Grant funds:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park	Circle of Heroes Memorial	\$ 25,000
Buffalo Lighthouse Assoc., Inc.	South Buffalo Lighthouse Restoration & Reuse Project- Phase II	\$129,300
Buffalo Lighthouse Assoc., Inc.	Lighthouse Point Site Enhancement & Bike Path Enhancement- Phase II	\$116,135
Buffalo Museum of Science	Visitor Center Improvements- Phase 2	\$207,450
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	Cazenovia Park Shoreline & Trails Rehabilitation- Phase 3	\$537,000
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	Scajaquada Trail- Phase 5	\$140,000
City of Buffalo	Delaware Park Rumsey Woods	
City of Buffalo	LaSalle Park Design & Waterfront Access	\$500,000
City of Buffalo	Jesse Kregal- Shoreline Trail Connector	\$360,000
Town of Grand Island	Bicentennial Park-Scenic Woods Phase I & IA	\$117,860

Chairman Bozer reiterated that two grantees will receive 2016 funds under a multi-year award approved at the April 8, 2016 Committee meeting:

Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy: Scajaquada Trail – Ph. 5 Delaware Park Rumsey Woods \$140,000 and City of Buffalo: Jesse Kregal - Shoreline Trail Connector \$360,000

Motion to fund seven grant awards with 2016 Greenway funds and the two multi-year awards. Moved by Jason Paananen, Second by Carol Jasen Sampson. Approved 3-0.

7. Other Business: None

8. A motion to adjourn was made by Jason Paananen, Second by Carol Jasen Sampson. Meeting adjourned 4:50 PM.