Lesko and Kepert to Announce Plans for Mott House Site
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CORAM - Brookhaven Town will partner with Long Island Home Builders Care to build a community center at the site of the Mott House, Brookhaven Supervisor Mark Lesko and Councilwoman Connie Kepert announced Tuesday.

Joined by members of the Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce, civic organizations and the faith-based community, Lesko and Kepert presented their plans with members from LIHBC, the charitable arm of the Long Island Builders Institute. The community center will be a loving tribute to the former Mott House: The facade of the new structure will replicate the Mott House - and original features could be included. The new building, at Homestead Avenue and Route 25 in Gordon Heights, will be larger than the Mott House, and provide meeting space for local community groups and civic organizations.

"Long Island Home Builders Care made a very generous offer to build Gordon Heights a community center," Supervisor Lesko said. "This is a group that's done historic structures throughout Long Island and it's a wonderful opportunity to get a superior product. It's win-win for Gordon Heights."

"It is always a tragedy when a community loses a historic landmark and we are working to ensure it never happens again," stated Councilwoman Kepert. "But today is a celebration and thanks to our heroes at Long Island Home Builders Care, we can include historic elements into a new building that will be a reminder to the Longwood community for what once stood here," Kepert continued.

Clara Datre, President of LIHBC, stated, "We received overwhelming support from our members who have offered to volunteer their services and labor. We look forward to making the dreams of the Gordon Heights community come true."

Members from the community were also present to give their thanks and speak about the project. Tawaun Weber, President of the Gordon Heights Civic Association stated, "The Mott House is on the main corridor to our community and re-building it is the key to rebuilding our downtown and lowering our taxes. I am excited that this horrible situation was turned around so quickly."

Bishop Harrison Hale stated, "This is a joyous celebration. Thank you to Supervisor Lesko, Councilwoman Kepert and LIHBC for giving us change. When change is evident, hope is imminent. When government and community work together, great things can happen."

Nicole Christian-Goodine, President of the Gordon Heights Chamber, stated, "The Chamber was just a dream in 2004. Now it's 2009 and we have come a long way. Thanks to the Town, the Gordon Heights community and to LIHBC, together we are going to see this area become the focus of our downtown."

Councilwoman Kepert is eager to begin meeting with the community and LIHBC to get this project started. "I am anxious to see this vision become a reality."