

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – January 2023**

### **KINDERHOOK BUSINESS UPDATE - VACANCIES AND BUSINESS OPENINGS**

#### ***Vacant Commercial/Mixed Use: [3]***

1 Chatham Street, 6 Broad Street, 59 Broad Street

#### ***Partially Occupied Commercial/Mixed Use: [1]***

5 Hudson Street

### **PROMOTION**

- Researched bus and bike tours for spring, summer, and fall 2023
- Distributed rack cards to Cycle the Hudson Valley 2023 (expected 300 riders)
- Publicized trail-user numbers on social media
- Met with Columbia County Tourism to share ideas for village/county promotions
- Met with IMK Signs and Designs for bike-trail directional sign planning and placement
- Provided support and information for performers to rent Van Buren Hall in the spring
- Posted availability of Van Buren Hall for rent on social media
- On-going social-media re-posts for local businesses

### **BUSINESS LIAISON**

- Provided vacancy information to three interested business start-ups

### **CURRENT GRANTS SUMMARY**

COMPLETED:

#### **GeoTourist “Kinderhook Village Square and Beyond Walking Tour” app.**

Preliminary Launch Date: January 2023

Publicized Launch: Spring 2023

*Grant: Hudson River Valley Greenway National Heritage Area*

- Close out of grant in progress
- Liaisoned with D. Jeanson of HRVG

CURRENT (ONGOING):

#### **Kinderhook Creek Kayak Launch Project**

#### **Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)**

##### **(Village of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie Collaborative Projects**

- Sent request to Barton & Loguidice re: projected 2023-24 expenditures for budgeting purposes

#### **NY Forward Grant Application - Grant Request: \$2.5 million**

- Awaiting award announcements.

## GRANT RESEARCH & SUPPORT

- Zoom meeting re: village project summaries and funding opportunities with Columbia Economic Development Corporation – Jessica Gabriel and Mike Tucker
- Met with H. Birckmayer about urban forestry and tree-planting grants

## POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS:

### **Bandstand**

Awaiting meeting with NYS Parks & Recreation Historic Preservation about grant eligibility - to be scheduled by HPC.

### **Van Buren Hall**

Follow-up meeting to be scheduled by HPC for review by NYS Historic Preservation of renovation drawings and plans for grant eligibility.

*Potential Grant Application: NYS Parks and Recreation Historic Preservation*

### **Review and Distribution of Private Foundation Grant Opportunities to Local Businesses**

Relevant grant opportunities forwarded to related Kinderhook businesses and organizations.

## ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Albany-Hudson Electric Trail, Village Bike Rack, Hudson Street Landing at Creekside Park**

- Location for bike rack in Village Square to be determined.
- Village directional signage at Hudson Street Landing at Creekside Park grant application to be completed (deadline: February 2023).

### **Long-term Parking and Traffic Issues**

- Chatham Street vacant lot: Follow up discussion about grant availability with Jessica Gabriel of CEDC.

### **Spectrum - Village Square WiFi**

- Zoom meeting with business rep and engineers
- Design and price quote to come.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Met with office staff to discuss suggestions re: website redesign