

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – January 2024

KINDERHOOK BUSINESS UPDATE

Vacant Commercial/Mixed Use: [3]

1 Chatham Street, 6 Broad Street, 59 Broad Street

Partially Occupied Commercial/Mixed Use: [1]

5 Hudson Street

PROMOTION

- Ongoing social-media re-posts for local businesses
- Distributed rack cards and brochures at village locations.
- Designed and/or forwarded event graphics for weekly village email blasts.
- Organized and contracted for upcoming village visitor promotion/ad in 2024 Miles of Smiles map and Columbia County Tourism/I Love NY Columbia County 2024 Visitor Guide
- Secured services of graphic designer for design of ad for 2024 Visitor Guide
- Undertook review, solicited short descriptions and updated information from Kinderhook businesses. Provided update to Columbia County Tourism of Kinderhook listings for 2024 Visitor Guide
- Encouraged community nominations of Kinderhook businesses for “best-of” awards via village email blasts and social media. (Times Union, Hudson Valley Magazine, Chronogram)

BUSINESS LIAISON

- Continued to provide updates on available commercial properties.
- Liaisoned with KBPA on planning and promotion for KBPA events

GRANTS SUMMARY

- Awaiting awards announcements from Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley (February) for Van Buren Hall window replacement.
- Worked in partnership with Super Stories to develop an art-installation project on village-owned property along bike trail and private-owned property at CCHS and Kinderhook Memorial Library.
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GRANT RESEARCH/SUPPORT/APPLICATION

- Continued review of grant availability and grant eligibility.
- Preliminary research on the following small grants: Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Fund for Columbia County and Hudson River Estuary Program grants.
- Organized ongoing grant files into individual binders.
- Emailed with Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley re: Ecological Grants.

- Met with A. Birckmayer and K. Johnson to discuss possible projects for Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and Hudson River Valley Greenway sponsorship grant
- Met with Trustee Murphy to consult on Fire Company grant application

CURRENT (ONGOING):

Kinderhook Creek Kayak Launch Project

- Installation of creek-access improvements in Kinderhook and Valatie scheduled for completion in spring 2024.
- DEC approved village application submitted by CEO for revised installation

Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)

(Village of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie Collaborative Project)

NY Forward

- Awaiting announcements of awards.
- Emailed with NYCOM and Matthew Nelson re: proposed new regulations and retroactivity for NY Forward awards concerning certification under NYS Pro-Housing Communities Program

ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail, Village Bike Rack

- Awaiting action on bike rack proposal in Village Square at Kinderhook Knitting Mill.

Long-term Parking and Traffic Issues

- Awaiting information on costs for soil testing at 25 Chatham Street.

Village Website

- Participated in ongoing review of information for new website.
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MISCELLANEOUS

- Consulted with Village Historian, CCHS director Weilbecker, and former bank manager Tracey Pratt re: Community Bank's historic artifacts.