

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – April 2023**

### **KINDERHOOK BUSINESS UPDATE**

#### **Opening**

**May 2023 – Super Stories, Chatham Street**

**May 2023 – Village Yoga. 6 Hudson Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Floors**

**Summer 2023 – Muse Esthetics. 12 Broad Street**

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

1 Chatham Street, 6 Broad Street, 59 Broad Street

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

5 Hudson Street

### **PROMOTION**

- Provided performers via email with information about Van Buren Hall rental
- On-going social-media re-posts for local businesses
- “Miles of Smiles” visitor map with Kinderhook ad out for distribution.
- Hired graphic designer to design 2023 visitor rack card
- Listed Village of Kinderhook – A Walking Tour of the Village Square and Beyond Geotourist app on Hudson River Valley Ramble (Fall 2023)
- Distributed to local businesses dates of bike tours passing through Kinderhook and tips for business owners re: bicyclists

### **BUSINESS LIAISON**

- Continued to answer questions about commercial property vacancies
- Continued to provide updates on available commercial properties
- Distributed Welcome Packets to two new businesses

### **CURRENT GRANTS SUMMARY**

#### **COMPLETED:**

#### **Village of Kinderhook, NY – A Walking Tour of the Square and Beyond**

- Met with A. Birckmayer and K. Johnson to plan official launch - scheduled for June 3 during Kinderhook Farmers’ Market

#### **CURRENT (ONGOING):**

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

- Attended meeting of Valatie and Kinderhook committees to discuss new access proposal

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

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

#### **NY Forward Grant Application - Awarded**

## **GRANT RESEARCH/SUPPORT/APPLICATION**

- **Quick Start Grant New York State Urban Forestry Council – Awarded**
- Planning for events for Arbor Day Celebration on June 17 ongoing.
- Provided details to graphic designer for design of promotional poster

## **POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS:**

### **Bandstand and Van Buren Hall –**

- Made contact with NYS Parks and Recreation Historic Preservation – Weston Davey - Confirmed that Van Buren Hall is eligible as a contributing building to apply for grant funds for interior renovation.

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

- Van Buren Hall committee met to review renovation plans and discuss future steps re: NY Forward
- Contacted danda inc. for update to 2020 renovation estimate (+30%)

## **ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **Albany-Hudson Electric Trail, Village Bike Rack**

- Location for bike rack in Village Square proposed to The Kinderhook Knitting Mill.
- Consulted with Dave Booth on feasibility of installing bike rack and measured proposed site with D. Booth at front of The Aviary parking lot.
- Prepared detailed proposal for bike-rack installation and sent to D. Waterston and Yen Ngo
- Consulted on placement of village wayfinding signs (2) on bike trail. Installation completed by DPW.

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

- Contacted owners of Chatham Street vacant lot to determine sale status. Awaiting reply.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Distributed private-foundation grant opportunities to Kinderhook businesses – Super Stories, September Gallery, Concerts in the Village, Columbia County Historical Society
- Attended information session with web designer for new village website.
- Attended Arbor Day tree planting at Mills Park (Mills Park volunteers and Garden Club of Kinderhook)