

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020

Planned and Proposed Upcoming Economic Development Projects

1. Municipal parking lot lighting project – To be completed Spring 2020
2. Van Buren Hall Renovation and Grant Funding
3. Kinderhook Creek Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan
4. Kayak launch planning, design, construction – Hudson Valley Greenway award grant to be announced March 2020

Promotion

1. Continued restocking display of Native Son brochures at bandstand, Martin Van Buren statue, tourist information stand at Samascott's Garden Market, and Martin Van Buren National Historic Site.
2. Continued posting news and events about Kinderhook events and businesses on Nextdoor Kinderhook, Facebook, IMBY.com, and Instagram.

Event Planning and Promotion

1. Planning for a possible Kinderhook restaurant/pub crawl progressing.
2. In contact with select vendors for Food Truck Village 2020. Applications for Food Truck Village 2020 – June 25 and August 27 – to be sent out in March.
3. In contact with music vendors concerning Food Truck Village 2020.

Historic Kinderhook Walking and Bicycling Tour Brochure

1. Grant Awarded for brochure redesign and rebranding: June 12, 2019
Total Project: \$2,750 Grant Award: \$1,375
2. Revisions complete.
3. Printing costs finalized.
4. Printed brochures to be received in March.
5. Finalized distribution areas with Berkshire Brochure for distribution of 5,000 brochures in Capital Region and Berkshire County zones.

Community/Business Outreach

1. Continued liaison and social-media promotional efforts with businesses, including Saisonier and Unique Nutrition.
2. Continued discussions with Code Enforcement officer Peter Bujanow on the issue of vacant buildings in business district.
3. Pursuing recruitment of possible retail business for Van Buren Properties building.
4. Worked on revision of "Discover the Opportunities" page for handing out to recruit potential new businesses and for posting on village website. Researched new demographic data to be included.

Sister City Project – Buren in the Netherlands

1. Continued follow up with Buren on expanding connections between the two communities.

2. Continued postings on Kinderhook-Buren Facebook page to share Kinderhook news with Buren and encourage Dutch tourism to Kinderhook.
3. Liaisoned with Kinderhook Memorial Library teen librarian to discuss possible teen-exchange projects with Buren.
4. In contact with Mayor Jan de Boer informing him of the possibility of applying for a grant from Furthermore for an English translation of his book on Cornelis Maessen and Martin Van Buren, as well as the possibility of exploring if there are funds available from the Dutch Consulate in NYC.

Grant Availability

1. Continued ongoing monitoring of notifications of NYS grant availability to make recommendations to village board.
2. Distributed relevant grant notifications to village board, local non-profits, and Climate Smart Task Force for their consideration.

Municipal Parking Lot Lighting Project

1. Awaiting finalization of easement from Peter Cecchini for light fixture on Post Office property.
2. Liaisoned with Wolberg Electric, Wendy O’Hearn, and village clerk and deputy clerk concerning finalization of paperwork for light-fixture order.
3. Light fixtures ordered.
4. Sent out new RFPs to Sheriff Electric, Leggett Electric, and Jerry Jennings.
5. Received three bids for electrical work. Electrician to be awarded contract at March village board meeting.

Kinderhook Creek - Hudson River Valley Greenway Water Trail Grant + Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan NYS Department of State Grant

1. Matching grant received (grant announcement postponed from December 11 to March 2020) from Hudson River Valley Greenway for \$10,000 for planning , design, and construction of two kayak launches – one in Valatie and one in Kinderhook. Total project cost: \$20,000.
2. Awaiting official announcement of Greenway Water Trail Grant in March.
3. Liaisoned with Ted Kolanskowski of Barton & Loguidice to discuss project scheduling once grant is received.

Mills Park

1. Liaisoned with Mills Park crew to distribute invitation via village email and social media to local gardeners to participate in planning for planting on Earth Day 2020.

Van Buren Hall

1. Sent out request for fee estimates to prepare overall cost estimates for renovation project. Cost estimates to be used for upcoming grant applications.
2. Received a fee estimate from Danda Inc. - \$3,032.
3. Preparing to send out request to Jim Romanchuk & Sons.

4. Kept Van Buren Hall committee informed about estimates progress.
5. Contacted village attorney Rob Fitzsimmons concerning issue of setting up a "Friends of" group to be an entity to receive donated funds for Van Buren Hall project.

25 Chatham Street – Vacant Lot

1. Next steps: (a) re-contacting property owner for additional information concerning post-demolition property status, (b) meeting with DEC officials, (c) summarizing in a report for Village Board status of property.

Miscellaneous

1. Commenced research on concept of village considering the development of a Complete Streets plan and met with Mayor Dunham to introduce the idea.
2. Attended Eco-Opportunities Forum in Kingston, New York.