

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – JUNE 2021

Proposed Long-term Economic Development Projects

1. Van Buren Hall Renovation and Grant Funding
2. Kinderhook Creek LWRP
3. Kayak launch planning, design, construction – Hudson River Valley Greenway – Grant Awarded

Promotion

1. Continued restocking display of Historic Kinderhook Village Walking & Bicycling Tour.
2. Continued posting news and events about Kinderhook events and businesses on Nextdoor Kinderhook, Facebook, IMBY.com, Instagram, and regional Facebook Community Boards.

Historic Kinderhook GeoTourist App

1. Script rewrite by R. Piwonka in progress.

Community/Business Outreach

1. Continued discussions and support about village issues with Hat Factory LLC.
2. Distributed information on grants to old and new business owners.
3. Awaiting second estimate for installation of one light post on Hat Factory property.
4. Passed on information from new business owners to Planning Board concerning transparency about which types of projects require public hearings/2-month-approval timelines.
5. Connected potential new business owner with representative from Congressman Delgado's and Assemblyman Jake Ashby's offices re: expediting NYS application.
6. Provided information for new yoga instructor re: application for use of village property
7. Promoted via social media new Pilates studio in village
8. Renewed request for quote on installation of light post on private property on Hudson St.
9. Drafted email to be sent out to residents re: information update about NationalGrid and upgrade
10. Met with Mike Abrams and Darren Waterston re: Hat Factory
11. Assisted Ruth Moore of Gallery Northeast with issues concerning opening reception and publicity to community.
12. Revised details in Welcome packet for new businesses and residents.
13. Drafted and distributed to Board status report on businesses in Village of Kinderhook - business-district locations and out-of-business-district locations plus vacancies and projected upcoming openings

Traffic Issues and Complete Streets Related to Economic Development

COVID-19 Community Outreach

1. Continued daily postings and on-going email blasts from village and on Nextdoor Kinderhook and Facebook concerning Columbia County Department of Health COVID-19 updates.
2. Kept up to date on information in the media concerning COVID-19 issues and distributed as warranted via email blasts and social media.

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail

1. Provided informal feedback from long-distance users of the trail to village board re: wayfinding.

Mills Park

Sister City Project – Buren in the Netherlands

1. Composed letter of congratulations to new mayor of Buren.
2. Mailed Walking & Bicycling Tour brochures and Native Son brochures to new tourist-information location in Buren in The Netherlands. Now on display.

Grant Availability

1. Continued ongoing monitoring of notifications of NYS grant availability to make recommendations to village board.

Tax Deductibility of Donations for Public Projects in Village

Kinderhook Creek

1. Passed on to Village Board information about new grant availability – Hudson River Valley Estuary – Department of Environmental Conservation for 2022.
2. Continued informal consultation with Ted Kolankowski of Barton & Loguidice about new grant opportunities and kayak-launch equipment

Van Buren Hall

1. Next steps: Proposing a stand-alone project for air-conditioning project.
2. Solicited but not yet received feasibility and cost estimate for replacement of lift with elevator.
3. Reviewed recommendation from Climate Smart Task Force about DEC 2021 Climate Smart Communities Grant Program for air conditioning for Van Buren Hall and cooling station.

25 Chatham Street – Vacant Lot

1. Next steps on hold: (1) Contacting DEC to determine if there is any additional paperwork in their files post-demolition status. (2) Summarizing information for report to Board of Trustees.

Traffic & Economic Development

Miscellaneous

1. Passed on to Mayor and Village Board information from NYS re: deadline for municipal decision to opt-in or opt-out to allow potential marijuana retail sales