

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT- FEBRUARY 2017

PLANNED UPCOMING EDC PROJECTS

1. Establishment of Village of Kinderhook Facebook page.
2. Naming upstairs of Village Hall – Judges to be Appointed Prior to Soliciting Entries
3. Provided documentation to mayor concerning most-common tax incentives for property and business owners in business districts.
4. Rack card or other promotion of biking routes in and around village.
5. Consultation with local bicyclists re: bike routes.
6. Met with Anne Berkmeyer to discuss EDC co-sponsorship and planning of a series of historic “walks and talks” for summer 2017. Planning on going.

PROMOTION

1. Liaisoned with Maple Hill re: Upcoming Open House and Guest List
2. Awaiting further planning for collaboration with Kinderhook Memorial Library re: summer program, “Let’s Play Wednesdays” in the upstairs of Village Hall.
3. Continued research and contacts to local organizations/class instructors to solicit more events/classes in upstairs Village Hall.
4. Continued discussions with two vendors re: DIY series in the upstairs of Village Hall (possibly 4 to 5 workshops on consecutive weeks).
5. Finalized arrangements with Ohashi Institute and KBPA for workshop/demonstration in upstairs Village Hall with fees for workshop to be donated to village for refurbishment of floor in upstairs hall. Scheduled for June 3, 2017.

COMMUNITY/BUSINESS OUTREACH

1. Contacted new business: Christene Smart, LMHC, Fusion Therapy at 22 Chatham Street re: logo for village website, welcome packet, and interview for IMBY post.
2. Contacting Roberta’s Unisex Hair Salon at 62A Chatham Street for new logo for website, welcome packet, and interview for IMBY post.
3. Followed progress of restoration of historic storefront at Broad Street Bagel Co.
4. Consulted with Mayor Dunham re: signage for Mills Park and restoration or replacement of existing sign for Village Hall.
5. Planning to send a letter to Consolidated Communications re: Fairpoint building on Broad Street to encourage continued use of that building for employment opportunities.
6. Liaisoned with Melissa Stickles of Great Lengths and building inspector re: use of outdoor patio at Great Lengths.

RESEARCH AND LIAISON FOR GRANTS

LIGHTING STUDY GRANT

1. Continued discussions with George Campbell re: sourcing LED historic-style lighting fixtures.
2. Measured height of lighting poles - Main Street, Valatie, Route 9 across from Mario's, and Warren Street, Hudson. Provided feedback to Sage Engineering based on height measurements.
3. Presented status report on lighting study to village's Historic Commission and solicited feedback on lighting-fixture choices.
4. Began collaboration with Randal Dawkins of Historic Commission re: fixture choice.
5. Contacted and consulted with lighting reps Donna Cregin of Lightspec and Wendy O'Hearn re: sourcing and pricing of LED historic-style light fixtures.
6. Awaiting recommendations/suggestions on lighting fixtures and other components of the study from Sage Engineering.
7. Consulted with reps of NationalGrid, NYSERDA, and Robyn Reynolds (Climate Smart) re: grants and/or incentives for purchasing historic-style LED fixtures for parking lot and village square.
8. Discussed and began planning with Robyn Reynolds re: connection between Climate Smart Task Force and possibility of grant to cover costs of lighting fixtures and installation in municipal parking lot and around village square. Provided Reynolds with copy of Rise Engineering energy audit of village facilities for review re: Climate Smart tasks.

DESIGNATION OF KINDERHOOK CREEK AS A NYS INLAND WATERWAY

1. Awaiting designation notification from Senator Marchione's office (currently, in committee).
2. Discussed future article for Register-Star and provided information to reporter Roger Gilson once designation is announced.

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA GRANT – Native Son: Martin Van Buren & Kinderhook

1. Awaiting grant award announcement on March 22, 2017, for potential grant for rack card and web links.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY HABITAT GARDEN AT MILLS PARK

1. Pursued sourcing for materials (organic compost) for bed prep. 20 cubic yds. of compost to be donated from Almsted Nursery (Route 66). 20 cubic yds. compost to be purchased by village.
2. Liaisoned with Trustees Baumeister and Leiser and Sigrid Gray and met to discuss project to start in Spring 2017.
3. Composed press release re: habitat garden, submitted to Register-Star, and was interviewed by reporter Roger Gilson.

4. Discussed with Trustee Leiser and Sigrid Gray options for tilling for bed preparation.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Worked with C. Vandenburg re: improvement for user-friendly purposes of tabs on left side of village's home page..
2. Resubmitted to Board of Trustees proposal and preliminary draft for Village of Kinderhook Lighting Improvement Program (KLIP) for consideration for upcoming budget.
3. Consulted with Mayor Dunham re: rallies/gatherings in Village Square.