

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT- JUNE 2017

PLANNED UPCOMING EDC AND EDC CO-SPONSORED PROJECTS

1. Establishment of Village of Kinderhook Facebook page.
2. Planning on going for Summer in the Village event August 12, 2017 with assistance from Carrie Walsh of Eat. Sip. Smile.
3. Contacted and received permission from Kinderhook Bank concerning use of water outlet for sprinkler for Summer in the Square.
4. Given the go ahead by Mayor Dunham to explore with village historian Ruth Piwonka contacting the town of Buren in The Netherlands (the town associated with the forebears of Martin Van Buren and suggested by Piwonka) about a proposal to become a “sister village” with Kinderhook. This project could result in raising the profile of Kinderhook and the establishment of exchange programs and internships for young people from Buren to experience the Hudson Valley while interning at local businesses, such as farms, food service establishments, etc.

PROMOTION

1. Consulted with David Smith re: recruitment of more music groups for Van Buren Hall and consulted on process and fundraising for purchasing new chairs for Van Buren Hall.
2. Completed research with local groups and nonprofits on summer and fall event schedules and complete writing for rack card of summer and fall events.
3. Collaborated with graphic designer on design of rack card.
4. Rack card printed.
5. Distributed summer and fall event rack card throughout village, town, in Chatham, Hudson, Valatie, and at Columbia County Chamber of Commerce for their office and AMTRAK station.
6. Composed and posted IMBY.com posts about village events.
7. Submitted KinderhookWalks information to Columbia County Tourism app.
8. Composed announcement of Van Burn Hall naming for IMBY.com and village email blast.
9. Restocked display of Walking Tour brochures at Martin Van Buren statue and tourist information stand at Samascott’s Garden Market.

COMMUNITY/BUSINESS OUTREACH

1. Planning continues for Food Truck Village – August 24th.
2. Contacted Cantele Tents re: donation of chairs for Food Truck Village August 24 and reserved tent and table rental.
3. Assisted KBPA in identifying donors for tent rental for Food Truck Village – August 24.
4. Began planning Summer in the Village – August 12: solicited for performers and vendors.

5. To follow up: discussions with two new food trucks in the area to explore a once-a-week evening of food trucks in the village square during the summer months.
6. Liaisoned with Kinderhook Memorial Library to plan July 10, 2017, presentation on Medical Marijuana by Dr. Kenneth Weinberg.

RESEARCH AND LIAISON FOR GRANTS LIGHTING STUDY GRANT & PROJECT

1. Reviewed Sage Engineering contract with Mayor Dunham and set to follow up on final stages for completion of lighting study. To be completed by September 2017.
2. Final plan for municipal parking lot lighting layout completed by Sage Engineering.
3. Solicited and received information from lighting consultant Wendy O'Hearn on dimming capacity of light fixtures chosen for parking lot.
4. Continued keeping informed of progress of Climate Smart committee re: tasks completed that could relate to possible future funding for lighting of parking lot.

DESIGNATION OF KINDERHOOK CREEK AS A NYS INLAND WATERWAY

1. Received formal notification from Senator Marchione's office that legislation passed unanimously for designation and is awaiting signing by Governor Cuomo.
2. Composed and posted announcement of designation on IMBY.com.
3. Preparing draft letter to inform nine communities + Martin Van Buren National Historic site of designation.
4. Received recommendation for engineering firm for preparation of grant application for feasibility study – Barton and Loguidice: Glenn Gidaly and Thaddeus Kolankowski.
5. Set up tour with village resident and kayaker Tom Mueller and Mayor Dunham to review creek-side sites.
6. Set up meeting with Gidaly, Kolankowski, Mayor Dunham, Mayor Diane Argyle, and myself to discuss planning, possible feasibility study and information on Greenway Conservancy planning and trail grants and to discuss next steps.
7. Mayor Dunham to follow up with Town of Kinderhook and Town of Stuyvesant.

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

1. Brochure content and design finalized.
2. Sent out to printer for printed proofs.
3. Second printed proof approved by graphic designer.

4. 8,000 count now being printed. Expected receipt of printed brochures: July 21, 2017.
5. Reviewed process for reimbursement from Parks and Recreation – Historic Preservation grant. Application for reimbursement to begin in July.
6. Planning for brochure distribution to historic sites and other outlets once brochure is received.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY HABITAT GARDEN AT MILLS PARK

1. **Suggestions for improvements for Mills Park: 1. Installation of trash receptacle at corner of Albany Ave. and Railroad Ave. 2. Installation of Mutt Mitts pole and bag dispenser at Albany Ave. and Railroad Ave. 3. Removal of metal sign at center of park. 4. Possible volunteer project to construct and erect an attractive barrier on park side of NationalGrid equipment.**
2. Research to be conducted on finding an interpretive sign on monarch butterfly habitat from a national monarch conservation group.
3. Planning for official dedication ceremony – perhaps in the fall – for Monarch Butterfly Habitat Garden with participation of Girl Scout troop, as per Mayor Dunham.
4. Requested review of prior existing plan for a trail and pond in Mills Park area below the upper park area.
5. Planting completed and liaisoned with DPW, Mayor Dunham, and Sigrid Gray re: watering schedule and process.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Assisted with planning and organization of KinderhookWalks: A History of Place with Ann Birckmayer.
2. Distributed flyers for KinderhookWalks and composed press release and IMBY post.
3. Liaisoned with Garden Club of Kinderhook re: village square planting beds.
4. Continued planning for planting beds on Chatham Street across from Village Hall. Contacted business owners for volunteers to help maintain
5. Received donations of three planters for placement on village property. One planter was donated by Broad Street Bagel Co. to be placed on Broad Street and two planters were donated by an anonymous donor to be placed on Chatham Street across the street from Village Hall.
6. Received donations of three more additional planters from anonymous donors for placement on Chatham Street across from Village Hall.