

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT- MAY 2017

PLANNED UPCOMING EDC AND EDC CO-SPONSORED PROJECTS

1. Establishment of Village of Kinderhook Facebook page.
2. Planning for Summer in the Village event in August 2017 with assistance from Recreation Commission and Carrie Walsh of Eat. Sip. Smile.
3. Historic Walk and Talks – Planned by Ann Birckmayer. Promotional materials to be organized and distributed by EDC as co-sponsor.

PROMOTION

1. Continued research and contacts to local organizations/class instructors to solicit more events/classes in upstairs Village Hall.
2. Ohashi Institute workshop held in Van Buren Hall on June 3, 2017. Worked on promotion online, composed IMBY post, prepared press release for Columbia Paper, distributed flyers. The workshop raised \$220 that the KBPA donated to the village for refurbishment of floor in Van Buren Hall.
3. Consulted with David Smith re: recruitment of more chamber music groups for Van Buren Hall and consulted on process and fundraising for purchasing new chairs for Van Buren Hall.
4. Continued local distribution of Walking Tour Brochure.
5. Organized production of banner with graphic designer Cathy Boyd for Food Truck Village for bank fence.
6. Requested Town of Kinderhook LED traffic sign for Food Truck Village.
7. Distributed more Walking Tour Brochures to Taste NY on Taconic State Parkway.
8. Commenced research for rack card for summer and fall events.
9. Composed and posted IMBY.com posts about village events.

COMMUNITY/BUSINESS OUTREACH

1. Planning ongoing for Food Truck Village 2017 with Black Forest Flammkuchen and The Flammerie.
2. Arranged for teen volunteers (community service) for set up, in-progress event clean up, and take down for Food Truck Village.
3. Met with KBPA and Conny Chase for event planning.
4. Arranged for loan of tent from Glenn Smith for Food Truck Village.
5. Checked with Metzwood-Harder re: insurance certificates for Food Truck Village. Continued to contact participants' insurance agents for revisions of certificates.
6. Provided insurance certificates to Metzwood-Harder for Food Truck Village for review.
7. Contacted Cantele Tents re: donation of chairs for Food Truck Village and possible tent rental. Followed up on pricing and scheduling.
5. Assisted with donation from ESAC Appraisers for tent rental for Food Truck Village – June 22nd and liaised with KBPA on Cantele contract for Food Truck Village.

6. Began 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.

RESEARCH AND LIAISON FOR GRANTS LIGHTING STUDY GRANT & PROJECT

1. Continued discussions with George Campbell of Sage Engineering re: lighting levels.
2. Received and distributed to Mayor Dunham preliminary lighting plan for municipal parking lot from Sage Engineering.
3. Reviewed Sage Engineering contract with Mayor Dunham and set to follow up on next stages for completion of lighting study.
4. Liaisoned with Lighting Spec rep. Wendy O'Hearn for light fixture and pole selection, pricing, and documentation from manufacturer, ELA.
5. Researched lighting level recommendations for historic districts by providing Sandra Bullough of NY State Historic Preservation and John Bullough of Lighting Research Center at RPI a copy of lighting plan for review. Received comments that were shared with George Campbell, Mayor Dunham, and Randall Dawkins of Historic Preservation Commission.
6. Attended workshop with Historic Preservation Commission to present fixture and pole selection.
7. Prepared and submitted interim report, as required, on grant status to New York State Parks and Recreation – Historic Preservation with assistance of assistant clerk Carol Vandenburg. Report accepted.

DESIGNATION OF KINDERHOOK CREEK AS A NYS INLAND WATERWAY

1. Awaiting designation notification from Senator Marchione's office (currently, in committee).
2. Followed up with phone calls to Senator Marchione's office on status of pending legislation.
3. Followed up with second email to Senator Cathy Young, Chair Senate Finance Committee, to reiterate Kinderhook's interest in designation during this senate session so that Kinderhook may eventually apply for grant for a feasibility study for kayak launches on the creek.
4. Consulted with Fran Martino of the Greater Stockport Watershed Area group about DEC studies of Kinderhook Creek. Received recommendation to contact Columbia-Greene Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Home Waters Chapter to solicit their support for designation.

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

1. Researched history on Village of Kinderhook and Martin Van Buren in preparation for writing content for Van Buren bio and village history for brochure. Drafted content for the above.

2. Continued design consultation with graphic designer Cathy Boyd on design of tri-fold brochure. Provided suggestions and revisions to design. Final design now complete. Final design is version nineteen.
3. Submitted draft content for brochure to CCHS, village historian Ruth Piwonka, Jim and Bonnie Dunham, and Jim and Patricia McKay of Martin Van Buren National Historic Site for review.
4. Revised content for brochure based on comments of above and received final approval for revisions from above.
5. Brochure now complete and ready to send out for printing run of approximately nine hundred.
6. Requested that Village of Kinderhook set up "Trader" account to receive 10% discount on printing costs with Prinrunner for this project and other upcoming projects.

MONARCH BUTTERFLY HABITAT GARDEN AT MILLS PARK

1. Had meetings and discussions with DPW, Sigrid Grey, Bob Baumeister, and Dale Leiser re: sourcing of fill, prep work, and installation.
2. Prep work completed by DPW.
3. Tilling completed by Samascott's.
4. Ordering of plant material completed by Sigrid Grey and planting completed by Sigrid Grey and a group of thirteen volunteers.
5. Received copy of map indicating NationalGrid right of way.
6. **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.**
7. Research to be conducted on finding an interpretive sign on monarch butterfly habitat from a national monarch conservation group.
8. Planning for official dedication ceremony – perhaps in the fall – for Monarch Butterfly Habitat Garden with participation of Girl Scout troop, as per Mayor Dunham.
9. Requested review of prior existing plan for a trail and pond in Mills Park area below the upper park area.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Updated on progress of free series of historic walks and talks organized by Ann Birckmayer. Now called *KinderhookWalks: A History of Place*, planning for the series is now complete. *KinderhookWalks* will be co-sponsored by Village of Kinderhook, Kinderhook Memorial Library. CCHS still to be contacted. There will be five walks on the following dates: July 15, July 22, July 29, August 5, and August 12.
2. Preparing promotion and distribution of flyers and Facebook advertising in consultation with Ann Birckmayer.
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. Arranged for purchase of 3 new planting pots for Village Square to replace old pots.
6. Requested and arranged for loan of shrubs from Maple Lane Nursery for dedication ceremony of Persons of Color Cemetery.
7. 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.