

May Economic Development Report 2015

Dear Mayor Weaver,

These are the projects and activities for the month of May for EDC:

- 1. Provided maps and photographs to Lighting Research Center of RPI to enable their decision-making on project choice for a lighting project (Kinderhook's municipal parking lot) for the fall semester.*
- 2. Sent out 15 letters of invitation along with posters for the current exhibition at The School to art departments in colleges in Columbia County, the Capital Region, Saratoga, and Dutchess County.*
- 3. Conceptualized, organized, and submitted 20 donations for the WAMC June Fund Drive for advertising purposes for the Village of Kinderhook. These included 10 Kinderhook Day packages (gift certificates from Pass The Thyme Cafe, Carolina House, Kinderhook Farmers' Market, Friends Feed and Seed Book Shop - auctioned off at \$100) and a separate donation of 10 gift certificates from The Flammerie.*
- 4. Met and consulted with Duke Huyck of Scheriff Electrical Services, Inc. on uplighting project of trees at village pocket park on Hudson St. at the municipal parking lot and installation of electrical service that could be used for future lighting of the lot itself. Received a proposal and price quote from Scheriff on the project. Proposing to go out for 2 additional bids with permission of the board.*
- 5. Attended Columbia County Economic Development Corp. roundtable at which Columbia County Tourism presented their preliminary designs for a Columbia County Tourism App. Also discussed at the roundtable: the challenge of working with DOT on economic development issues. Will be meeting with Ken Flood and DOT re: trucks and speed limits.*
- 6. Attended comprehensive plan meetings and communicated via email with Mark Browne concerning questions on survey and methods of attaining higher participation.*
- 6. Worked on farmers' market issues and planning for Kinderhook Beer Hop.*
- 7. Revised and updated the application form for Columbia County Food Truck Village 2015 (two events).*
- 8. Continued to pursue meetings with Jack Shainman and The School re: collaboration for a kids' program at The School.*
- 9. Through personal contact encouraged the establishment of a Village of Kinderhook page for IMBY.com which resulted in a Kinderhook page.*
- 10. Met with the village's newest business located above the post office: Claverack Cooperative Insurance (6 employees) to welcome them to Kinderhook. Provided them with a "welcome packet" that included an invitation to join the KBPA, signage regulations, application for certificate of appropriateness, and a list of suggested documentation to bring to HPC meeting requesting approval for signage. Also explained and provided employment/income level reporting forms for sewer-project grant and requested their participation.*
- 11. Met with Alex Van Allen, Michele Van Allen, and Tiffany van Higgins re: Dyad. Answered questions concerning village procedures, offered services as liaison, provided a list of suggested documentation for HPC signage request.*
- 12. Toured construction/renovation progress at Broad Street Bagel Co.*
- 13. Nearly completed village summer plantings.*
- 14. Sent out thank you letters to presenters at Spring Home & Garden Day and to property owners of homes on the Kinderhook Historic House Tour 2015.*
- 15. Attended KBPA meetings and liaised with KBPA re: Food Truck Village.*
- 16. Researched and suggested additional food-service recruits for Food Truck Village.*
- 17. Responded positively to a request to donate a similar Kinderhook Day package like the WAMC package to the VENDY awards to take place on Roosevelt Island in NYC in the fall.*

Thank you. Renee Shur

Economic Development Director June
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