

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT - MID-SEPT.–MID-OCT. 2016

PROPOSED EDC PROGRAMS TO BE DISCUSSED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Establishment of Village of Kinderhook Facebook page.
2. Scheduling of Contest to Name Upstairs of Village Hall.

PROMOTION

1. Received 5,000 print run of revised "Discover Historic Kinderhook: A Walking Tour" Brochure
2. Contacted the following Columbia County historic organizations (listed on back of brochure) and other Columbia County and regional organizations for distribution and display of brochure:

Martin Van Buren National Historic Site, Clermont State Historic Site, Dr. Oliver Bronson House/Historic Hudson, Olana New York State Historic Site, Shaker Museum I Mount Lebanon, Steepletop Edna St. Vincent Millay National Historic Site, Kinderhook Memorial Library, Columbia County Tourism, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, Albany International Airport, Kinderhook shops, accommodations in Hudson.

Followed up with mailings and personal deliveries to each of the above sites.

BROCHURES ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL OF THE ABOVE LOCATIONS.

3. Composed and posted IMBY post re: Black Forest Flammkuchen receiving recognition as Best Food Truck 2016 in Hudson Valley Magazine.

EVENTS

- 1 Continued conceptualizing and contacting potential vendors for a DIY workshop series in the upstairs of Village Hall.
2. Information to follow to Board on fees by participants in above.

COMMUNITY/BUSINESS OUTREACH

1. Continued to keep informed about developments re: Persons of Color Cemetery and offered assistance when appropriate, including networking recommendations.
2. Continued outreach to local nonprofits re: use of upstairs of Village Hall – while awaiting information on repairs.
3. Contacted Maple Hill Creamery re: their move into building on Hudson Street. Delivered Business Welcome Package to Maple Hill and offered assistance when they're ready to pursue presentation of outdoor signage.
4. Make contact with Columbia County Chamber of Commerce re: opening of Maple Hill Creamery administrative and marketing offices.
5. Began interviewing Lindowen's for article about the shop.
6. Assisted with preparation of October 2016 Village of Kinderhook bulletin - composed information for bulletin, researched village's State Comptroller rating for 2016, and contacted Historic Society, Concerts in the Village, and Kinderhook Memorial Library re: inclusion of their events in bulletin.
7. Liaisoned with David Smith and Concerts in the Village re: promotion for October 29th concert.
8. Discussed improvements to tourism display at Samascott's Garden Market with Glenn Smith and Columbia County Tourism. (To be followed up with discussions with Samascott's.)

RESEARCH AND LIAISON FOR GRANTS

NYS LIGHTING STUDY GRANT - New York State Office of Parks and Recreation –

Historic Preservation

1. Contract for grant signed by Mayor Dunham.
2. Communicated with Mike Meyers of Sage Engineering re: status of finalizing contract language (in progress).
3. Met with Sternberg Lighting, along with Bob Baumeister and Mayor Dunham re: historic fixtures for municipal parking lot and village square.

PROJECT TO REQUEST DESIGNATION OF KINDERHOOK CREEK AS A DESIGNATED NYS INLAND WATERWAY

1. Met with Mayor Dunham and former trustee Brian Murphy to discuss designation.
2. Contacted NYS Department of State to determine that Village of Kinderhook could spearhead the request for legislation for Kinderhook Creek.
3. Received confirmation from NYS Department of State for above.
4. With Brian Murphy developed a plan to solicit letters of support from communities along the Kinderhook Creek. See email to all trustees sent previously outlining the proposed plan. Brian Murphy generated a list along with Mayor Dunham of applicable communities and contacts and addresses.
5. Composed a letter requesting support from communities along the Kinderhook Creek.
6. Composed a sample letter of support to provide to communities along Kinderhook Creek.
7. Letters to be sent to communities by next week. Letters of support due back to village by December 1, 2016.
8. Began researching history of Kinderhook Creek for inclusion with request to Assemblyman McLaughlin and Senator Marchione for creek designation.