

**Economic Development Committee**  
**8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Thursday, December January 10, 2013**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Todd Baright, Dan Budd, Kate Karakassis, Chris Klose, Laura Pensiero, George Verrilli Harry Colgan (*ex officio*) members; Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook); Rita Gentile, Red Hook CAN; Kim Gomez (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce); Rich Biezynski (Red Hook Ag & Open Spaces Committee).

**Not Present:** Beth Jones, Ken Migliorelli, members; Ed Blundell (Mayor of Red Hook), Juliet Harrison (Red Hook CAN)

**Call to Order:** Chris Klose, chair, called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 8:33 a.m.

**Minutes:** On a motion by Dr. Verrilli and a second by Mr. Baright, the committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Thursday, January 10, 2013.

**Old Business:**

1. Survey of Red Hook Businesses – Mr. Budd read the results of some 13 online survey responses to date, noting that collectively, they emphasized the need for more cooperation and coordination among businesses. The committee tweaked the final wording and format of the in-person survey to be distributed by committee members, including Todd Baright (Hardscrabble Plaza), Amanda Bodian (Milan), Harry Colgan (Tivoli), Kim Gomez, Chris Klose, Brent Kovalchik (Village of Red Hook), George Verrilli (Chocolate Factory) and others. The goal is to finish the survey by the end of February.

**New Business:**

1. Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit – Rita Gentile, Red Hook Community Arts Network, said that CAN was planning a multi-site exhibit of large outdoor sculptures by local and regional artists for the Village of Red Hook, beginning in late June. The committee expressed enthusiasm for the project. Mr. Budd and Mr. Klose, with Ms. Bodian, volunteered to work with Ms. Gentile and CAN to develop the concept.

**Next Meeting:** **Thursday, January 24, 2013** at the Red Hook Village Hall.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary