

Economic Development Committee
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 11, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Present: Amanda Bodian, Dan Budd, Beth Jones, Kate Karakassis, Chris Klose, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), members; Kim Gomez (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce); Ed Blundell (Mayor of Red Hook).

Not Present: Todd Baright, Ken Migliorelli, Laura Pensiero, George Verrilli, members; Rich Biezynski (Red Hook Ag & Open Spaces Committee), Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook);

Call to Order: Chris Klose, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Bodian and a second by Ms. Karakassis, the committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Thursday, March 28, 2013.

Old Business:

1. Survey of Red Hook Businesses – Mr. Budd is to download the Survey for distribution and review by the committee, with the results to be announced later and to form the basis for the proposed social marketing campaign promoting Red Hook as “business friendly.”
2. Social Media – Ms. Gomez reported that Ms. Pensiero continues to identify potential social media marketing firms for the campaign.
3. Outdoor Sculpture Show – Ms. Gomez reported that preparations continue for the Show, which is to open in June.

New Business:

1. Central Hudson – The Committee agreed that it is not in the best economic interests of Red Hook to have Central Hudson taken over by the Canadian-based conglomerate Fortis, and will write a letter to the New York State Public Service Commission opposing the deal.
2. Key Bank – The Committee agreed to request Key Bank to reinstate its ATM machine; that its removal has forced pedestrian customers to use the bank’s drive-through machines, which is unsafe.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2013 at the Red Hook Village Hall.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary