

Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristina Dousharm [KD] (Chair), Amanda Bodian [AB], Dan Budd [DB], Chris Klose [CK] (Secretary), Ken Migliorelli [KM], Marty Reilingh [MR], members; Melkorka Kjarval [MK] (Trustee, Village of Red Hook); George Jahn [GJ]

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Chair Dousharm called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Bodian and second by Dr. Reilingh, the Minutes of 05-11-2022 were approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Updates – KD: New maps look good, thanks to AB; NYS grant=status quo; KD to confer with RMcK re: grant administrator potential; ES reports possible administrator candidate, will update next meeting; CK: meeting Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Taste Budd's with Dick Wambach, Mayor Smythe and MK re: Red Hook in the Hudson Valley website; MK: two interns for the Village work on specific assignments; updating business contacts is straightforward, easily monitored by the EDC; MK: Why Not Local? website; Who does it? Red Hook Facebook group; other groups/websites have come and gone over the years;

KD: difficult to maintain a central marketing point/website without a focused point-person (paid staff) to conduct; Red Hook Together is an information exchange venue for organizations, with thematic missions/goals, such as affordable housing.

Audubon International – KD: update, including business directory, other concepts? DB: Last-minute notice militated against wide participation; MK: Village has dual-stream recycling, including glass and metal, alternating with food scraps for composting; DB: will present a chart on recyclable categories; MK: Ozone collects and delivers compost, including meat scraps to Kingston each week from Red Hook and Rhinebeck;

DB: first "thank you" for Red Hook Responds at Rose Hill Farm on Thursday evening, including unveiling two new programs; mobile kitchen dock on site donated by Tom LeGrand; current freezer doesn't pass health code, so it's being transferred to TB's freezer truck on Friday; new freezer would cost \$20K or so; RHR serving 600 meals/month and continues fund raising to meet demand;

KD: RMcK reports NYS may be interested in funding one of the Red Hook grant proposals; also, for next week's meeting, discuss strategic goals for the

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EDC to focus on for the rest of the year, especially with an intern this summer:
MR: will distribute EDC's 2018 worksheet in advance of 05-25-2022 meeting;
volunteer initiatives difficult to maintain, so would look to possible paid help;

Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 25, 2022, via Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary