

Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, April 6, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristina Dousharm [KD] (Chair), Amanda Bodian [AB], Dan Budd [DB], Chris Klose [CK] (Secretary), Ken Migliorelli [KM], Maarty Reilingh [MR], Emily Sachar [ES], Vaness Shafer [VS], members; Melkorka Kjarval (Red Hook Village Board Trustee)

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Chair Dousharm called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Bodian and second by Dr. Reilingh, the Minutes of 03-30-2022 were approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Updates – KD: Town Board at 7:30 pm., Tuesday, April 12 public hearing on the grant for farmers and restaurant workers; farms with farm worker housing are included, not all farms with tax exemptions; 30-day comment period follows the public hearing, so additional information can be provided; EDC survey approval by the Town Board for distribution? No word as of this meeting; ES: believe we should take notes at the public hearing; MR volunteers to do so, via virtual attendance; ES: NYS verifies there can be two applications from the grant.

KD: Store closings: the Wellness Center; AB: Baright ad in the Red Hook map announcing “new eatery” in the former J&J space; Greek restaurant moving into the old Salvatore’s Pizza, which has moved next door to the JBPeel Coffee shop; Golden Wok owners purchased the former Enchanted Eden building, evicted all tenants and is reported to turn the top floors into apartments; KD: check with the Village about business hours in re: restaurants and retail stores? ES: are tenants above these businesses concerned about noise after 5:00 p.m.? KD: MJ, is the Village working on this issue? No. MJ: a vibrant center is critical; very important to gather, disseminate information on the positive aspects of success: regular hours, types of businesses, etc.; Manifesto of Success for Red Hook; obvious marketing guidelines for a healthy main street; DB: very difficult to be successful in the evenings, given the minimum labor required to keep open;

KD: Develop a list of positives for businesses; Town Board public hearing has been postponed; JBPeel putting in a proposal to the Board as part of the Red Hook grant; ES: this underscores the need for the EDC survey of businesses about the grant;

Action Items: ES to contact JB Peel; Supervisor McKeon to approve EDC survey by COB; KD to develop list for next meeting;

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Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2022, via Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary