

Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, May 5, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristina Dousharm (Chair), Amanda Bodian, Dan Budd, Chris Klose (Secretary), Ken Migliorelli, Maarty Reilingh, Emily Sachar, Vanessa Shafer, Jacob Testa (*ex officio*), members; Karen Smythe (Mayor *interim*, Village of Red Hook), Melkorka Kjarval (Village Trustee), Kim McGrath (Executive Director *pro tem*, Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce), George Jahn

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Chair Dousharm called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Dr. Reilingh and second by Ms. Bodian, the Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of 04-28-2021.

Old Business:

Announcements – KD: Welcome to Karen Smythe and Melkorka Kjarval;

Village – KS: update next week.

Proposed STR Legislation: KD: received first draft fall 2019, concerned then for its town-wide restrictions; meetings/discussion ensued, noting much changed and now the ITF has sent its propoasal to the Town Board for consideration; ES: clarify “disbanding” of the ITF; MR: ITF proposes to disband because its work is done (mostly in connection with saving greenspaces); ITF’s position = three years in the developing and now ready for Town consideration; need to clarify EDC proposal is up for consideration, too, but may want to perfect before presenting it to the Town Board (especially in view of the “Covid” year challenges); discussion ensued re: the process of consideration and action, followed by discussion of the 1991 Comprehensive Plan and the need to update it to accommodate the changed environment of the last 30 years;

KD: what does the EDC want? VS: STRs throughout with a permit for hosted, special permit for un-hosted; DB: our businesses survive on so many factors, so the town needs to help support our existing and icoming/proposed businesses; focus on the EDC proposal and presentation;

KD: I’ll speak with Supervisor McKeon prior to the next meeting, relay the conversation. Village Board members? KS: helpful to hear, empathize with the three years, important issue needs to be ironed out with a solution that works; look forward to further cooperation. KD: thanks, we appreciate the Village’s continued cooperation.

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Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary