

Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, July 21, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristina Dousharm (Chair), Chris Klose (Secretary), Amanda Bodian, Ken Migliorelli, Maarty Reilingh, Vanessa Shafer, members; Melkorka Kjarval (Red Hook Village Board), Kim McGrath (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce), Victor Feldman (The Red Hook Daily Catch)

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 06-23-2021.

Old Business:

Meeting Format – In person or continue Zooming? MR: public meetings required in person now? KD: will verify; also, continue meeting every week? Meantime, continue Zooming.

Village Update – MK: approved/signed the contractors to break ground in September; two-stage process, initial piping followed by house hook-ups;

STRs – KD: EDC research well received; follow up re: any complaints , only one received so far; also, received a letter from Sarah Carlson (Crow’s Nest prop.) in support of STRs; next step: continue drumming up support, relay to Town Board; VS: send recap to those who have supported to date with letters to the Town Board; MR: “being considered”? What does that mean vis a vis the Town Board? KD: check with Robert McKeon re next step(s); generate support letters by July 27, the day before the Town Board’s next meeting;

SeptemberKD: What do we want to present at tonight’s Town Board meeting? Board invited EDC so it wouldn’t serve to delay speaking; meeting via Zoom; consensus: email EDC proposal today and present via Zoom tonight; two info tracks = well summarized in current document plus the letters of support in hand and to come;

KD – important to present; join Town Board meeting about 8:00 p.m; will state ITF and EDC want: 1. STRs in town, and 2. STRs regulated by permit;

KMcG: Mighty Donuts status? KD: pulled their application to the ZBA, revising their proposal for future submission.

Next Meeting: Continue weekly meetings, with one in-person a month, at least. Next meeting = Wednesday, July 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary