

DRAFT
Economic Development Committee
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 26, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dick Wambach (Chair), Kristina Dousharm, Erin Moore, Amanda Bodian, Marty Reilingh, Jessica Stingo, members; Ed Blundell (Mayor of Red Hook), Kim McGrath, Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce

Not Present: Chris Klose (secretary), Dan Budd, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), George Verrilli, Ken Migliorelli, members

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

Minutes: Minutes of June 28 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- **Sewer System Update** – Mayor Blundell gave update on sewer project status, draft sewer legislation sent to attorney for review; other necessary paperwork and activity for treatment plant transfer, property easements and other details continue to move forward.
- **Business Rental Inventory** – Chairman will gather information on current commercial landlords to develop a rental inventory (dataset) to be used for future planning. Following are landlords so far: Baright, Bodian, LeGrand, Giek, Haddad, Bump, Matway, Verilli and Sterling. Will attempt to start project in Aug.

New Business:

Several suggestions for improving our EDC activities and programs:

- Priority List should be a living document – refer to it often and use as working guide to determine projects that require emphasis during the year.
- Hi-Notes should be utilized more frequently to stay in touch with subscribers and more posts of events, activities involving EDC and business posted to web site and Facebook and EDC community calendar.
- Revitalize or reinvent the “Discover Red Hook” model – needs to be taken to a new level... need thoughts and ideas. (Still selling some of the original window decals!)
- Start publishing bios and stories about our local businesses and post in Hi-Notes, Facebook and web site.
- Issues of concern for growth and community walk-ability: Parking space limitations, traffic light sequence and proper crosswalks utilization on Broadway (enforcement?)

Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 13, at the Red Hook Village Hall, second floor.

Adjournment: Chairman Wambach adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Richard Wambach