

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – February 2023

KINDERHOOK BUSINESS UPDATE - VACANCIES AND BUSINESS OPENINGS

Vacant Commercial/Mixed Use: [3]

1 Chatham Street, 6 Broad Street, 59 Broad Street

Partially Occupied Commercial/Mixed Use: [1]

5 Hudson Street

PROMOTION

- Wayfinding signs for bike trail approved and ordered from IMK Signs and Designs
- Provided support and information for performers to rent Van Buren Hall in the Spring
- Posted availability of Van Buren Hall for rent on social media
- On-going social-media re-posts for local businesses
- Provided promotional materials to Discovery Bicycle Tours for summer bike tours on Albany-Hudson Electric Trail

BUSINESS LIAISON

- Provided vacancy information to one business start-up.

CURRENT GRANTS SUMMARY

COMPLETED:

GeoTourist “Kinderhook Village Square and Beyond Walking Tour” app.

Preliminary Launch Date: January 2023

Publicized Launch: Spring 2023

- Close-out/claim-for-payment documents completed for office review

CURRENT (ONGOING):

Kinderhook Creek Kayak Launch Project

Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)

(Village of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie Collaborative Projects)

NY Forward Grant Application - Grant Request: \$2.5 million

- Received notification of award.

GRANT RESEARCH/SUPPORT/APPLICATION AND CLOSE-OUT PREPARATION

- Quick Start Grant Application completed for New York State Urban Forestry Council for \$1,000 grant for purchase and planting of a replacement crabapple tree in Village Square
- Completed and submitted grant application to Columbia Land Conservancy for \$500 Municipal Mini-Grant for signage at Hudson Street Landing at Creekside Park

- Completed documentation for close-out and claim for payment for Geotourist grant from Hudson River Valley Greenway National Heritage Area

POTENTIAL FUTURE PROJECTS:

Bandstand

Awaiting meeting with NYS Parks & Recreation Historic Preservation about grant eligibility - to be scheduled by HPC.

Van Buren Hall

Follow-up meeting to be scheduled by HPC for review by NYS Historic Preservation of renovation drawings and plans for grant eligibility.

Potential Grant Application: NYS Parks and Recreation Historic Preservation

Review and Distribution of Private Foundation Grant Opportunities to Local Businesses

Arts-related grant opportunities forwarded to relevant Kinderhook businesses.

ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail, Village Bike Rack

- Location for bike rack in Village Square to be determined.

Long-term Parking and Traffic Issues

- Chatham Street vacant lot review of documents to be scheduled.

Spectrum - Village Square WiFi

- Design and price quote received and submitted for consideration by Village Board..

MISCELLANEOUS

- Distributed private-foundation grant opportunities to Kinderhook businesses
- Met with clerk, deputy clerk, and Trustee Weir re: new website design. Attended web presentations from potential website host vendors.
- Created WiFi flyer for Van Buren Hall and Village Hall.
- Provided information about Van Buren Hall rental to recital musician.