

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – November 2021

Proposed Long-term Economic Development Projects

1. Van Buren Hall Renovation and Grant Funding
2. Kinderhook Creek LWRP

Promotion

1. Continued restocking display of Historic Kinderhook Village Walking & Bicycling Tour.
2. Continued posting news and events about Kinderhook events and businesses on Nextdoor Kinderhook, Facebook, IMBY.com, Instagram, and regional Facebook Community Boards.

Historic Kinderhook GeoTourist App - Supported by a Grant from the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area

1. Met and discussed direction of draft of GeoTourist locations with village historian Kate Johnson.
2. Received rough outline of first 7 scripts, reviewed and provided comments and possible edits.

Community/Business Outreach

1. Continued discussions and support about village issues with The Kinderhook Knitting Mill.
2. Continued consultations with Kinderhook Bottle Shop re: data collection on village and surrounding areas for NYSLA application.
3. Kept business owners apprised of special board meetings.
4. Received news from New York State Museum/Daria Merwin that Persons of Color Cemetery ground-penetrating study has been completed but a report not written. Awaiting written report.
5. Worked in cooperation with KBPA to plan and advertise Candlelight Night and Door-Decorating Contest.
6. Worked with graphic designer L. Cottingham on various graphics for Candlelight Night and distributed printed materials at locations throughout the county and on social media.
7. Had multiple discussions with potential new business owner concerning vacant leased properties and properties for sale. Contacted real estate brokers to ascertain asking prices on multiple vacant properties.
8. Explored with Bill Mancini availability of NYS incentives for private businesses to install EV charging stations. (Incentives currently not available.)
9. Met with D. Waterston, mayor, DPW to discuss DPW's prep work for installation of light post at 8 Hudson Street parking lot.
10. Communicated with Cosmic Donuts about temporary shop closure (now permanent).
11. Posted opening announcement on social media for Gallery Northeast.
12. Contacted architect Gregory Merryweather to ask for update on drawings for bandstand.

13. Sent out multiple personal email invitations for Candlelight Night.
14. Posted Candlelight Night on WMHT events.
15. Forwarded information about culinary promotions in Capital Region to Morningbird/The Aviary.

Traffic Issues and Complete Streets Related to Economic Development

1. Continued data collection on projected numbers of employees for new businesses to create a report to village board outlining upcoming pressures on parking availability in village.
2. Requested history of paved Village Square area at Broad Street from village historian. Received a brief history and distributed to mayor, trustees, and HPC.

COVID-19 Community Outreach

1. Continued daily postings and on-going email blasts from village and on Nextdoor Kinderhook and Facebook concerning Columbia County Department of Health COVID-19 updates.
2. Kept up to date on information in the media concerning COVID-19 issues and distributed as warranted via email blasts and social media.

Albany-Hudson Electric Trail and Village Bike Racks

1. Shared with trustees NYT article about Empire State Trail and signage.

Mills Park

1. Identified possible grant funding to develop a brochure about sustainable planting and discussed with Mills Park crew.

Sister City Project – Buren in the Netherlands

1. Passed on OKPantry's interest in carrying products from Buren.
2. Began research on a possible video about Kinderhook to distribute via social media to Buren.

Grants

1. Continued ongoing monitoring of notifications of NYS grant availability to make recommendations to village board. Completed daily reviews of online Philanthropy News Digest to monitor RFP announcements for private foundation grants.
2. Received decision from Kinderhook Memorial Library Board of Trustees that the library will not be available to serve as a fiscal sponsor for private-foundation grants.
3. Shared private-foundation grant information with Persons of Color Cemetery volunteers. Re: Archiving project.

Tax Deductibility of Donations for Public Projects in Village

1. No activity.

Kinderhook Creek and LWRP

1. Completed first draft of RFP for LWRP. Awaiting information about signed accompanying documents.
2. Meeting about draft RFP postponed until December.

Van Buren Hall

1. Next steps: Proposing a stand-alone project for air-conditioning project.
2. Solicited but not yet received feasibility and cost estimate for replacement of lift with elevator.
3. Liaisoned with David Smith re: piano donation.

25 Chatham Street – Vacant Lot

1. Next steps on hold: (1) Contacting DEC to determine if there is any additional paperwork in their files post-demolition status. (2) Summarizing information for report to Board of Trustees.