

Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristina Dousharm [KD] (Chair), Amanda Bodian [AB], Chris Klose [CK] (Secretary), Ken Migliorelli [KM], Marty Reilingh [MR], Emily Sachar [ES], Vanessa Shafer [VS], members; Melkorka Kjarval [MK] (Village of Red Hook Trustee);

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Chair Dousharm called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

Minutes: Meeting Minutes of 09-14-2022 moved by MR with a second from AB were approved unanimously.

Old Business: KD – Updates: ES/Idriss Traore (EDC intern and former Bard College student) re: Red Hook business contact lists consolidation into a master list (begun 07/2022); worked from Town list of 587 businesses, including professionals' and owners' priority needs? general concerns included inflation and how to cope vis a vis employee pay; five of 100 of those contacted had gone out of business; ES: a learning experience; need to refine/reinvigorate the process; KD: what's the goal of having a list? Invite the Red Hook Chamber of Commerce to a meeting to discuss the need(s) for a consolidated, periodically updated list for coordinated communications outreach on specific issues of community interest; KD: will invite Chamber;

KD – Meetings in person, virtual or hybrid? EDC to meet in person every second and fourth Wednesday beginning October 12;

MR – Kudos to the Events Committee for the Neighbors Night and Hardscrabble Day!

AB – Hudson Valley Climate Week this week; Hastings on Hudson has mandated using cement that absorbs carbon; Village of Red Hook is changing over to LED lights; Melissa Everett, Sustainable Hudson Valley, is contact;

Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at the Village Hall, first floor Court room.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary