



PCEDC Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022
8 – 9 a.m.

Present: Chris Ryder, John Kraus, Kimball Gell, Walter Recher, Dylan Miyoshi, Richard Weiss, and Marjorie Keith

Absent: Robert Zubrycki, Don Minichino, Joe Roberto, Alana Mikhalevsky and Dr. Mark Hirko

Staff: Kathleen Abels, Rachael Paradise

Guests: Bill Nulk (PCIDA)

- I. 8:10 a.m. Call to Order
- II. Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes: *The motion was passed unanimously.*
- III. Event Committee Report: Things are moving along nicely. Speakers have been confirmed and registration is open. Media releases and ads have been sent out. Ms. Abels has reached out to various organizations to invite them including county and town officials, Business Council, local commercial Realtors and Chambers of Commerce. Posts on social media will tag sponsors. Mr. Recher has shared the media release outside the county. Ms. Gell will work the day of the event to make sure everything runs smoothly. We will need four people to help cover registration and greeting guests. We have seven sponsors to cover the entire cost of the event (at the meeting, Richard Weiss of Weiss Advisory Group offered sponsorship as well, making the total number of sponsors eight). Ms. Abels will emcee the event with Mr. Zubrycki undertaking opening remarks.
- IV. Real Estate Report: *Tabled in Mr. Minichino's absence.*
- V. Marketing Report: The Marketing Committee met with the Event Planning Committee to support the marketing plan for the Fall Summit. Mr. Recher said he has reached out to News 12, MidHudson News, HV Business Week about the Summit and will work on a post-event campaign. The committee also contacted the videographer to discuss possible social media promotions.
- VI. President's Report: *Please see attached report*

VII. New Business

1. The logistics center on Pugsley Road is working on application updates, according to Mr. Nulk.
2. There is an assisted living facility moving forward on Seminary Hill Road on part of the former Guideposts property.
3. The distillery on Seminary Hill Road is still in progress.
4. Megara is still in discussions concerning a property in Putnam Valley.
5. The parking lot property in Brewster was finally deeded over to Envision Brewster.
6. The Promenade on 6, which will include little shops and kiosks, is having a grand opening Sept. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m.
7. The hotel on Route 311 is still in the works.
8. The board discussed moving the meeting time from 8 a.m. to a later time or perhaps rotating meeting times to accommodate more members.

VIII. Adjournment: *Motion to adjourn meeting approved.*

**** Next meeting is Nov. 8 at 8 a.m. ****



President's Report July 12, 2022 – September 12, 2022

Continued participating in monthly meetings of the Job Connection Task Force of the Hudson Valley (JCTFHV), which was initiated by Patterns for Progress.

Continued participating in monthly Putnam County Solid Waste Management Plan Renewal Focus Group.

Continued catch-up calls with Eric Warren of Empire State Development. Sent out several site searches to commercial realtors.

Continued attending quarterly Red-Carpet meetings.
Continued weekly, in-person meetings with Tourism.

Continued serving on Board of Directors for Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition and for Friends of Lasdon Park and Arboretum.

Continued working with Tourism and with Kingdom Faire group on purchase of a group of abutting properties in Putnam Valley. This for-profit project will include Renaissance Fairgrounds, a sewer treatment plant, a solar farm, a cell tower and a hotel. Current property owner is Mirash Dedvukaj, GMJJ LLC. Proposed owners/principals are Megara: Christopher Francia and Frank Segro. Connected Megara with the principal for *Wonderama*.

Continued working on Fall Event scheduled for September 29.

07/12/22 – Attended Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council Meeting on behalf of the County.

07/15/22 - Submitted proposed 2023 budget to Commission of Finance.

07/21/22 – Met with Town of Carmel Supervisor Mike Cazzari and Town of Carmel Councilman Stephen Baranowski.

08/10/22 – Attended in person, introductory meeting for Adam Bosch, President & CEO of Pattern for Progress, with Deputy County Executive Tom Feighery, Acting Commissioner of Planning John Tully, Director of Transportation Vinny Tamagna and Director of Tourism Tracey Walsh regarding Adam's Regional EV Charger project.

08/12/22 – Attended NYS Economic Development Council meeting.

08/31/22 – Hosted leadership meeting/working lunch at Community Room of the Mahopac Library for the Chambers, Business Council, IDA, Tourism and EDC to discuss our roles and goals and how to better support each organization.

09/07/22 - Attended Hudson Valley Regional Economic Development Council Quarterly Meeting on behalf of the County.