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Columbia Economic Development Corporation

Meeting Notes
COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Friday, March 22, 2019
Hudson Area Association Library
Hudson, NY 12534

A special meeting of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) Board of Directors was held at Hudson Area Association Library, 51 N. Fifth Street, Hudson, NY 12534 on February 26, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by F. Michael Tucker, CEO/President.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ruth Adams	Board Member	Excused	
Russell Bartolotta	Board Member	Excused	
Rick Bianchi	Treasurer	Excused	
Jim Calvin	Board Member	Excused	
Jim Champion	Board Member – Ex Officio	Excused	
Rick Cummings	Board Member	Present	
David Fingar	Chair	Present	
Tish Finnegan	Board Member	Present	
Derek Grout	Board Member	Excused	
James Lapenn	Board Member	Present	
John Lee	Board Member	Excused	
Carmine Pierro	Board Member – Ex Officio	Excused	
Seth Rapport	Board Member	Excused	
Robert Sherwood	Board Member	Excused	
Gary Spielmann	Board Member	Present	
Sarah Sterling	Secretary	Present	
Brian Stickles	Board Member	Excused	
Maria Suttmeier	Board Member	Excused	
Andy Howard	CEDC Attorney	Present	
F. Michael Tucker	President/CEO	Present	
Lisa Drahushuk	Administrative Supervisor	Present	
Martha Lane	Business Development Specialist	Present	
Erin McNary	Bookkeeper	Excused	
Ed Stiffler	Economic Developer	Excused	
Carol Wilber	Marketing Director	Present	
Stephanie Sussman	Columbia County Resident	Present	
Matt Frederick	Columbia County Resident	Present	
Ian Nitschke	Columbia County Resident	Present	
Meg Todisco	Columbia County Resident	Present	
Mame Bradley	Columbia County Resident	Present	
Sean Sawyer	Olana Partnership	Present	

Westwood Papile	Resident	Present	
Sabina Clason	Resident	Present	
Kaya Weidman	KitesNest	Present	
Andrea Hensen	Resident	Present	
Mary Ellen O'Loughlin	Consultant	Present	

Strategic Plan:

Mr. Tucker introduced Mary Ellen O'Loughlin who had lead the SWOT process at the December 18th Board meeting. She handed out copies of slides that updated the Board on the process to date. She stated the slides would be distributed electronically to the Board. Mr. Tucker stated the final report would be presented at the next full board meeting on March 26th and the annual meeting on April 30th. Ms. O'Loughlin stated she wished to meet with the board members prior to the March Board meeting.

Mr. Tucker stated the goal would be to identify 3 items under each pillar and assign specific activities. Mr. Fingar suggested the handout be emailed and the Board could respond via email. Ms. O'Loughlin stated she would be following up with each board member. Mr. Tucker stated the public participation would be done after the board's input.

Public Comments:

Ms. Mussman handed out copies of an announcement of a discussion regarding NYS's proposed ban of plastic bags and alternatives. She informed the board, the City of Hudson was considering a tax on AirBnb.

The meeting attendees discussed the issues and challenges regarding broadband

With no other business to be conducted or public comments Mr. Calvin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee to adjourn the meeting. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:47am.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Draushuk