

MEETING MINUTES
Economic Community Affairs Committee (ECA)
Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation
Monday, April 26, 2010

Present: Barry Rothfeld (*Chair*), Stephen Cole, Betsy Eismeier, Barbara Kram, Kelly Libolt, Jason Page, Robert Rolison, Kathleen Schibanoff, Betsy Seaman Brown, and Thomas Sipos

Staff: Pamela Balga, Jasmin Haylett, and Mary Kay Vrba

Absent: Michael Arnoff, William Lavery, Michael McCormack, Donald McGrath, and Jennifer Van Tuyl

Call to Order and Welcome

Barry Rothfeld, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone. The minutes from the previous meeting held on January 26, 2010 were approved.

Announcements/Updates

Barry remarked on the following:

◆ EDC April Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 29, 2010

Time: 7:45 a.m.

Location: The Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries at the Center for Environmental Innovation and Education (CEIE), 199 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508

Host/Speaker: John Cronin, BIRE Director and CEO

◆ EDC July Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 29, 2010

Time: 7:45 a.m.

Location: NYS Department of Parks Recreation Regional Headquarters, 9 Old Post Road, Staatsburg, NY.

Host: Jayne McLaughlin, Executive Director for Taconic State Parks

Speaker: To be determined; John MacEnroe will ask Vincent Cozzolino, from The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC), to speak on the solar industry as it relates to the Hudson Valley.

Future Board Meetings--Suggested Locations, and Topics

The following suggestions were discussed:

- ◆ Jason Page offered to host the October 28, 2010 quarterly board meeting at the Poughkeepsie Journal facility recently purchased and renovated by Page Park Associates. The committee agreed to hold the October meeting there. A suggested speaker is the Mayor of Poughkeepsie, John Tkazyk.
- ◆ Newly renovated Adriance Memorial Library: Due to limited parking, this location might not be the best facility to hold a board meeting at.
- ◆ New marina at Shadows: The marina is not yet fully completed and the meeting would have to be inside Shadows.
- ◆ A school facility: A board meeting during the summer months might be possible since busses and students entering the facility would not be an issue at that time.

DCEDC Annual Breakfast and Business Excellence Awards (BEAs)

Betsy Seaman Brown spoke about the following:

- ◆ The sponsorship mailing for the Annual Breakfast and BEAs has been mailed.
- ◆ Current sponsorship revenue is \$11,500.
- ◆ The current list of sponsors include:
 - Platinum
Clear Channel Communications; Cuddy & Feder, LLP; Dover Knolls Development Co.; Key Bank; N & S Supply, Inc.
 - Gold
Associated Aircraft Group; Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.; The Chazen Companies; DRA Imaging, PC; Dutchess County Fairgrounds; Health Quest; LCA Facility Group; Morris Associates; Sedore & Company CPAs; Tern Construction & Development; Ulster Savings Bank
- ◆ Opportunity exists for more than one sponsor of the gold and silver level BEAs sponsorships.
- ◆ “The Sky is the Limit” is the theme for the DCEDC Annual Breakfast to be held on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel.

Betsy informed the committee due to increasing demands of her job at Morris & Associates, she will no longer be working on the BEAs. She will personally inform John MacEnroe of this decision and offer ideas for a replacement.

Discussion ensued on possible solutions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next ECA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 12:00 noon at DCEDC.