

## **MINUTES**

### **DUTCHESS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Monday, September 21, 2009 - 7:45 a.m.  
DCEDC, 3 Neptune Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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**PRESENT:** P. Calogerakis, M. Graham, J. MacEnroe, T. McQuade, W. Nussbickel, B. Rothfeld, D. VanBuren

**ABSENT:** B. Eismeier, C. O'Mara, L. Weigert

**ALSO PRESENT:** P. Balga

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#### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

The regular meeting of the Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation Governance Committee was called to order by Wayne Nussbickel, Chair, at 7:45 a.m.

A motion to approve the minutes as presented from the July 13, 2009 meeting was made by Mike Graham, duly seconded by Paul Calogerakis, and unanimously accepted.

#### **Chair's Report**

Wayne Nussbickel commented on the following:

- Business Excellence Awards article in the Poughkeepsie Journal.
- Recent event on the Hudson River.
- Walkway Over the Hudson attendance at the grand opening.

#### **President's Report**

A hard copy of the report was included in today's handouts. John MacEnroe commented on the following:

- Mike Oates, formerly of ESDC, has been selected as the new President and CEO of HVEDC.
- H1N1 threat discussion on whether or not to encourage enhancement of flex and sick time with working from home option.
- New EDC website: Discussion on what to do regarding the unsatisfactory results of Farnum & Morales. It was suggested to have Dave Wise, EDC's legal counsel, review the situation and make a recommendation.
- A preliminary proposal has been made to NYSERDA to develop a Program Opportunity Notice for the deployment and demonstration of the effectiveness of MetroKing Motors Idle Stop Technology on public transportation systems in Dutchess County.
- CH Energy Group's economic development initiatives need state approval.
- Hudson Valley Angel Network (FKA Orange County Angel Network).
- All EDC Board members will receive mandatory training in the first quarter of 2010 in regard to section 2824(2) of the Public Authorities Law.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Economic and Community Affairs** – Barry Rothfeld

- The next ECA committee meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2009.

#### Tourism – Denise Doring VanBuren

- While overnight hotel accommodations are down slightly, things are quite positive here in the valley; several sites, notably Dia:Beacon and the FDR Library have seen record attendance.
- Other tourism businesses reported simply that rainy weather played more of a role than did the economy in decreasing their business in any way this past summer.

#### Operational Oversight – Mike Graham

- The next OOC meeting is October 19, 2009 at which time the committee will review the budget that will be presented by Charlie O'Mara at the October 29<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

#### Business Services – Paul Calogerakis

- The committee did not meet in August, The September meeting was also cancelled due to the unfortunate absence of staff liaison Cathy Maloney. The next meeting will take place on October 1, 2009.

#### **Board Nominations for 2010**

- Preliminary nominations for 2010 were discussed. There are six openings for next year.
- A letter will be mailed to each Board member asking for potential candidates.
- Further discussion will take place at the next Governance Committee meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

The next *regular* meeting of the Governance Committee is scheduled for **Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:45 a.m.** in the EDC Conference Room at 3 Neptune Road, Poughkeepsie, NY.

The meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session at 8:45 a.m.