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**Mid-Hudson REDC Meeting  
Public Meeting**

Date and Time Meeting Commenced:

Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:30am

Location:

West Hills Country Club, 121 Golf Links Road, Middletown NY 10960

Council Members Present:

Dennis Murray; Don Christian; Vincent Cozzolino; Jonathan Drapkin; Marsha Gordon; Maureen Halahan; Wiley Harrison; Jacquie Leventoff; Ned Sullivan; James Taylor; Ex Officios: Steve Neuhaus (Orange County Executive)

Council Members Substitutes:

Jason Baker (Rep. Mike Spano); David Church (Rep. Neuhaus); Barbara Clifford (Rep. Bonacic); Ron Hicks (Rep. Molinaro); Tim Weidermann (Rep. Mike Hein)

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff:

Lydia Biskup (Rep-Serino); Lisa Hofflich (Rep-Galef and Paulin); Erica Kane (Rep-Barrett); Linda Cooper (Parks); Jaime Ethier (DOS); Sandra Jobson (DOT); Thom Kleiner (DOL); Ehle Schachter (Ag. & Markets); Ashley McCloskey (Deputy Director REDCs); Ryan McLeod (ESD); Monique Le Gendre (ESD); Eric Warren (ESD); Hala Mirza (Regeneration); Emily Saland (Assistant to the President, Marist College); Tom Sullivan (Town of Ramapo); Jonah Bruno (Press Secretary, ESD)

Special Guests:

Felise Hochheiser (Special Counsel, Ethics Risk and Compliance, ESD); Matthew Isgro (Deputy Director, Programs & Incentives, ESD); Stephen Ridler (Coastal Programs, DOS); Lisa Vasilakos (DOS)

Time Adjourned:

11:50am

**I. Welcome**

REDC Executive Director, Meghan Taylor, welcomed members of the public to the MHREDC meeting.

**II. CFA Round 6 Presentation**

Ashley McCloskey gave a presentation on the CFA Round 6 initiatives and timelines.

**III. Downtown Revitalization Initiative – Review and Next Steps**

Meghan Taylor Reviewed the initiative and discussed timelines.

#### **IV. Food & Beverage/MEP Presentation**

Tom Phillips, Executive Director, Hudson Valley Technology Development Center (HVTDC) gave the presentation. The food and beverage cluster is recognized as significant and part of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). Small and medium size manufacturers are targeted for support. Microbreweries are an example. The strategy is to identify partners and resources; identify companies and sectors in the discovery phase; understand the needs, engage companies and expand partnerships; provide services and report findings.

Rick Struck (Executive Director, Rockland EDC) asked if 2-3 foodservice companies can apply for a CFA and should REDC reach out for the CFAs? MT said yes, identify as many companies as possible. The food industry is strong and is helping to identify food manufacturers in the supply chain and advise the Council about CFAs.

NS asked if there is a Taste of NY interface and Tom Phillips replied no. MT added Taste of NY – the model that is the facility on the Taconic Parkway – has a high volume and HVTDC will be connected with Taste of NY. TP added that organizations are being sought to collaborate.

Ron Hicks (Dutchess County Exec Molinaro) asked if HVTDC is working with Cornell Cooperative Extension, and TP replied that they are both working with microbreweries together.

#### **V Code of Conduct & Statement of Interest Review**

A presentation was given by Goldie Weixel, Senior Counsel, Corporate & Real Estate, ESD and Felisa Hockheiser, Special Council, Ethics, Risk and Compliance, ESD.

GW: the Code of Ethics deals with Conflicts, Confidential information and Unwarranted Privileges  
Conflicts: A personal or professional interest (not just financial) that would conflict or appear to pose a conflict with judging proposals, e.g. ownership interest in a company (also recusal from all discussions – but can be in the room if the meeting is a public meeting); received gifts or invitations from one trying to influence the REDC (may depend on closeness in time and the relationship); real estate interest that REDC project may influence; soliciting funds for political, not for project but not from one coming before the REDC.

FH: Unwarranted Privileges: for example, someone came to one's business because the owner was on the REDC and was looking to get a step up on an application or proposal.

Confidential information: Information that can only be acquired through membership on the REDC that is not otherwise public. One can't use confidential information for personal gain for one's self or one's family.

#### **I. Public Comment**

None.

#### **II. Closing Remarks**

MT discussed the upcoming calendar:

5/25/16: CFA Workshop at Touro College in Middletown



5/26/16: CFA Information Session at Chamber of Commerce in Mahopac

6/2/16: CFA Information Session at Cablevision Building in Liberty

6/13/16: CFA Workshop at Iona College in New Rochelle

6/29/16: Deadline for CFA and Priority Project Applications at 4 PM

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