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**MHREDC Public Meeting
Thursday, September 14, 2017**

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced:

Thursday, September 14, 2017 – Public Session: 12:20 PM

Location:

Tilly Foster Farm
100 NY 312, Brewster, NY 10509

Council Members Present: Meghan Taylor; Dennis Murray; Don Christian; Ale Frederico; Marsha Gordon; Maureen Halahan; Jacque Leventoff; Ned Sullivan; Harold King; Thomas Carey; Reinaldo Diaz; James Taylor, Jr.; Ken Kleinpeter; Wiley Harrison; Kimberlie Jacobs; Kristine Young

Ex-Officios:

Council Members Substitutes: Ron Hicks (Rep. Molinaro); David Church (Rep. Neuhaus); Barbara Barosa (Rep. Odell); Suzanne Holt (Rep. Hein); Freda Eisenberg (Rep. Alvarez)

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff: Rich Steir (Rep. MOA Barrett); Kira Gorman (Rep. MOA Lalor); Emiljana Ulaj (Rep. MOA Mayer); Lydia Biskup (Rep. MOA Serino); Dwight Brown (EFC); Jaime Ethier (DOS); Kelly Turturro (DEC); Sandra Jobson (DOT); Erin Drost (Parks); Ehle Shachter (Ag&Mkts); Leslie Foxhall (Marist College); Rich Winters (SUNY New Paltz); Monique Le Gendre (ESD); Whitney Bowers (ESD); Eric Warren (ESD)

Time Adjourned: 1:07 PM

Welcome and Remarks:

Call to Order:

Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.

Conflicts noted: (Please List)

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Recusals noted: (Please List)

No conflicts noted.

The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

MHREDC Look Back (2011-2016)

Ms. Taylor gave a brief overview of past Rounds and the MHREDC regional strategies.

The MHREDC seeks to implement a comprehensive economic strategy focusing on Live, Work and Play initiatives. A three-time top-performer, the Mid-Hudson received \$83.3 Million in Round six, the highest Region's award across the state. \$476 Million has been awarded in the Region to support 574 projects through the Regional Council process. 90% of all projects awarded CFA funding in the region are complete or progressing. The leverage ratio (private investment to state investment) over six years is six-to-one in the Mid-Hudson, above the statewide goal of five-to-one.

The MHREDC is committed to making the public aware of all of the opportunities available to businesses and organizations through the CFA. Ms. Taylor noted that the regional council process is very competitive, not only are all of the applicants competing against each other, but the Mid-Hudson is competing against nine other regions throughout the State to be a top performer.

Downtown Revitalization Initiative Overview & Round I Update

Ms. Taylor provided an overview of Middletown's progress with their DRI plan implementation. The city has begun demolition at the former Woolworth Building - a site that has been vacant for more than 20 years - to make way for the Rail Trail Commons, a \$3.5 million project in the DRI plan. Made up of four retail spaces totaling 8,000 square feet will connect to the Heritage Trail.

CFA Round 7 Overview & 2017 Priority Project Recommendations - MHREDC Endorsement

Ms. Taylor gave an overview of Round 7's competition and timeline:

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- \$150 Million in Capital Grants
 - All 10 regions eligible
- \$75 Million in Excelsior Tax Credits
 - All 10 regions eligible
- Over \$575 Million in additional state funding through the CFA from various state agencies
 - All 10 regions eligible
- \$10 Million to each region for Downtown Revitalization
- The application process opened May 1, closed on July 28. Regional Council Progress Report and Scores are due on October 2, and Round 7's awards ceremony will be in late fall.

She also reviewed the responsibilities of the MHREDC in Round 7. In 2017, each REDC will be required to:

- Identify projects for the State Life Sciences Cluster
- Support the Downtown Revitalization Initiative & identify projects to implement
- Address the skills gap by collaborating with industry and skills training programs
- Implement strategies through the project pipeline
- Update ongoing regional initiatives in Progress Report
- Update Performance Measures

State priorities in 2017:

- Placemaking is the notion that where investment occurs matters. In order to attract a talented workforce, our built environment must emphasize creating accessible job centers, sustainable infrastructure and livable communities.
- Workforce is the belief that people drive the economy. Targeted job training and education ensures that jobs in high-paying, in-demand, tradeable sectors are filled in an equitable way.
- Tradeable Sectors describes which industries New York State is targeting to increase export based employment opportunities. They are the industry sectors that are part of a global market like manufacturing, agricultural products, and energy.
- Innovation is the strategy of investing in creating synergies between research and commercialization to drive the economy forward.

Ms. Taylor announced the MHREDC's Round 7 recommended priority projects by strategy, noting that many of them align with more than one:

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Live: An initiative that seeks to revitalize the region’s many river, hilltop, and cross-roads urban centers, encouraging smart growth, transit-oriented development, downtown revitalization and infrastructure improvements in order to stimulate job creation and prevent youth flight.

| CFA # | PROJECT NAME | COUNTY |
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| 73000 | Route 9D Redevelopment and Recreation Destination Project | Dutchess |
| 72154 | Hyde Park Downtown Infrastructure Project | Dutchess |
| 76608 | Hutton Brickyards Redevelopment Project | Ulster |
| 75286 | Tuxedo Sloatsburg Corridor Revitalization Project Phase II | Orange, Rockland |
| 75653 | The Kingstonian Uptown Revitalization Project | Ulster |
| 75887 | 2017 Stockade Works | Ulster |

Work: An industry-based initiative that seeks to attract and retain quality jobs in the region’s mature and emerging clusters including biotech, advanced and high-tech manufacturing, information technology, financial and professional services, and distribution, and to match them with the Mid-Hudson’s highly educated workforce.

| CFA # | PROJECT NAME | COUNTY |
|-------|--|-------------|
| 76394 | Manufacturing Capacity Increase | Dutchess |
| 73649 | Shatz Bearing Competitiveness Initiative | Dutchess |
| 73990 | Cambridge 2017 | Rockland |
| 76943 | VITS Expansion: CNC & Fabrication | Rockland |
| 72012 | Transitional Care Unit | Rockland |
| 75904 | Radiological Research Accelerator Facility RARAF LINAC for heavy ion therapy | Westchester |

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| 73141 | Patient Pavilion Project Phase III | Dutchess |
| 73695 | Powder/Skin Care Suites 2018 | Orange |
| 73966 | USAI Expansion Phase 2 | Orange |

Play: An initiative that seeks to position the region as a premier tourist location based on its scenic beauty, local agriculture, food and beverage industry, arts, culture, history and recreational assets, as well as its proximity to New York City.

| CFA # | PROJECT NAME | COUNTY |
|-------|--|----------|
| 74811 | Restoration of the Historic Antrim Lodge | Sullivan |
| 73191 | CA Warehouse | Ulster |
| 73239 | Minnewaska Visitor Center | Ulster |
| 75824 | New York Brewing Company | Orange |

The recommendations were unanimously approved by the Council (members present for vote included Marsha Gordon; Jim Taylor Jr.; Ken Kleinpeter; Harold King; Reinaldo Diaz; Ale Frederico; Thomas Carey; Kimberlie Jacobs; Ned Sullivan.)

Public Comment

City of Kingston (DRI Round II Winner) Mayor Noble: Thank you, we have found a partner with all of you. It means a lot, we're really turning around our City.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm.