



Sullivan County Economic Development Corporation

MINUTES

December 21, 2010 ~ Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

Members Present

Luiz Aragon	Robert Green
Leni Binder	Stuart Salenger
Roberta Byron-Lockwood	Allan Scott
Jennifer Brylinksi	Josh Sommers
Paul Carlucci	Terri Ward
David Fanslau	Laura Quiqley

Others Present

Whitney Schlott (for Darlene Fedun)	Steve Mitchell
Judy Sisselman	Dick Riseling
Dan Hust	Sonya Hedlund

Call to Order

Luiz called the meeting of the Sullivan County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to order at 10:05AM and determined there was a quorum. He welcomed the members of the EDC and asked for any changes or corrections to the November 16, 2010 minutes. *A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Leni to approve the November 16, 2010 meeting minutes, all in favor, motion moved.*

Old Business

Committee Reports:

- **Appointment Committee:** The Appointment Committee met and focused on the possibility of a new agricultural seat on the Board. The committee recommended Daniel Young to the seat. A copy of a voting ballot along with his bio was distributed to the group.
- **Strategy Committee:** The Strategy Committee has been a challenge due to scheduling conflicts. Luiz suggested that the January board meeting be extended to include a strategy meeting. Alan Rosenblatt, proprietor of the Ecce Bed and Breakfast has offered to be a mediator (pro bono) for this meeting.

EDC Press Event Update: The press event went very well. The roll out was all very positive and we have been receiving inquiries through the new website. So far, there have only been two inquires regarding the revolving loan applications for Main Streets and Agriculture.

New Business

Bylaw Amendment Proposal: The bylaws were revised in order to add two new seats to the Board. The fourth at-large seat would be for a one year appointment and the reappointment for this seat will be revisited on a yearly basis as opposed to the other three at-large seats which are a set three year appointment. Robert and Leni stressed the importance of adding an educational seat to the Board. David also feels there should be a K-12 educational presence on the Board as well. *A motion was made by Leni and seconded by Josh to amend the bylaws to add a two year At-Large Educational seat representing K-12 as well as the addition of an At-Large seat on a one year rotating basis which will fluctuate from industry to industry depending on the focus for the year, all in favor, motion moved.*

At-Large Seat Election: There was a discussion regarding the Voting Ballot for the one year rotating seat. The only candidate for this seat is Daniel Young of Bridle Hill Farm & Culinary Alliances in Jeffersonville, NY. *A motion was made by Robert and seconded by Roberta, that the secretary passes a unanimous ballot for the At-Large seat candidate, Daniel Young, all in favor, motion moved.*

With regard to the appointment of the Education seat, Robert suggested convening another nominating committee. The focus of the committee will be to seek a representative from Sullivan County BOCES.

NYS Authorities Budget Office: Luiz distributed a copy of a letter dated December 3, 2010 which he received from the NYS Authorities Budget Office. The letter specified the requirements and documents that will have to be filed under the provisions of the Public Authorities Law. They have been very accommodating as they understand the EDC is newly formed.

Legal Support: Luiz requested suggestions on how to proceed with regard to obtaining the legal counsel which will be necessary moving forward in order to make sure the EDC stays current with the requirements of the NYS Authorities Budget Office, as well as any other legal documents which come before the Board. As the use of the County Attorney's office could create a conflict, David requested that a committee attempt to identify individuals who would be willing to work pro bono.

2011 Budget Approval: A copy of the draft budget was circulated. The total of \$17,500 was included in the 2011 Adopted County budget. *A motion was made by Leni and seconded by Roberta to adopt the 2011 EDC Budget, all in favor, motion moved. It should be noted that David abstained.*

January Board Meeting – Strategy Session: Luiz revisited his earlier suggestion that the January Board meeting be extended to include a strategy session. Roberta asked Paul if he could host the meeting at the Villa Roma and he suggested the third week in January. Everyone agreed that an extended meeting would be beneficial for the EDC.

General Welfare

Set Anticipated Schedule for Meetings: The next meeting of the EDC will take place on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 from 1PM to 5PM, at the Villa Roma in Callicoon, NY.

Public Comment

Judy Sisselman, owner of Designs by Keiser Restaurant Equipment spoke with regard to how funds are disbursed. She is discouraged that sometimes local businesses are overlooked or shut out of bidding in favor of out-of-county companies. David responded by urging the Board to ask the County Legislature to ask the State Legislature to give all of New York the same advantage it only allows in New York City, which is local preference in bidding. *A motion was made by David and seconded by Terri to ask the County Legislature to pass a resolution asking the State Legislature to amend the State Statute to allow Sullivan County and other jurisdictions to have the same type of preference for local contracting in the procurement law as New York City, all in favor, motion moved.*

Adjournment

On a Leni/Roberta motion the meeting was adjourned at 11:25AM, motion carried.

Submitted by,
Mary Beth Mastrantone, for the Sullivan County
Economic Development Corporation