

Meeting of the Clinton Kirkland Climate Smart Community Task Force
Thursday, March 16, 2023
6:40 p.m.

Present: Kathy Collett, Alan Cole, Sally Carman, Steve Bellona, Brendan Marris

The meeting was coordinated by Kathy since Steve Orvis was delayed by travel.

The minutes were provisionally approved. They are available on Kirklandclintonclimatesmart.org website.

Discussion on Heat Smart and the Solar Campaigns are delayed until the next meeting.

DRI award

Steve Bellona reported on the award of ten million dollars for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative approved for Clinton and Kirkland.

First, a local CORE planning committee of 15 will be formed to meet with the NY State consultant on regional development to determine which projects will be implemented. This team will include an engineer, an architect, a finance expert, and people who know the community well. They will meet weekly, a planning meeting will be held monthly, and three public meetings will be held for input. A website has been created: ckic13323.org and an email: ckic13323@gmail.com to solicit comments. Not all the proposed projects will be approved.

Money up front is required for any of the projects. Reimbursements from the grant will be issued later. There is a time limit of **seven months** for the projects to be decided upon, at which point the governor will come to our area to make an announcement about the projects.

Projects must be implemented within two to four years. They must be within the limited area that was submitted, was which determined by its walkability.

The proposal that was submitted included 21 projects in five categories:

1. Infrastructure - sewer improvement, Lombard Hall repairs, sidewalks, public wi-fi, Climate Smart Community
2. Streetscape - visual aspect of downtown
3. Strengthen businesses
4. Recreation - Kirkland Trail, arena, walking tours, trolley
5. Arts - Kirkland Art Center, Kirkland Town Library

Major projects proposed include a hotel on the site to the right of Hannaford on 12B South which is currently being farmed. Also, an apartment complex on the site adjacent to Brownie Tent at the intersection of McBride Avenue and Taylor Street.

Sally Carman

Secretary

Addendum: The DOT plans to improve 12B south in 2024, potentially with a sidewalk on the Hannaford side.