



**Peekskill Business Improvement District
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 @ 6pm
Peekskill City Hall First Floor Conference Room
840 Main Street, Peekskill, NY 10566**

Present: Pres. Richard Rogers, Vice President Roger Campos; Councilman Fassett; Board Members Paddy Neville; Treasurer Toni Tracy; Board Member Matt Rudikoff; Board Member David Abrevaya arrived at 6:20pm. Exec. Dir. Bill Powers.

Proxies: Councilman Fassett has three proxies: for Board Member David Kaminsky; Sec. Deb Milone; Board Member Drew Claxton.

Excused: Board Member David Kaminsky; Sec. Deb Milone; Board Member Drew Claxton. **Absent:** John Sharp

Call January 13, 2026 Board of Directors meeting to order – Pres. Richard Rogers called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Guest: John van Dekker, Enormous Creative – Mr. van Dekker provided the board with an update on his social media activities for the BID for the last six weeks. He submitted a full report. In addition, there was a lengthy discussion about social media among the board members.

BID Member Public Comment – There were no public comments.

Approval December 2, 2025 BID Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – In the absence of Secretary Milone, Pres. Rogers asked for a motion to accept the December; motion by Vice Pres. Campos, seconded by Board Member Neville, all in favor, including proxies.

Economic Development Report – Economic Development Specialist Matt Rudikoff gave his report:

- Fleischmann Pier RFP for future boat operations and Pier Manager responses due January 22, 2026. Exec. Dir. Powers asked how is the Emerald Princess involved? Board Member Rudikoff stated that they are part of the respondents pool.
- City Logo – process narrowed down to 2 choices for Council input, finalization and launch planning including presentations to stakeholders, i.e. BID Board, Planning Board, PIDA Board, and others.
- West Point Marketing Pamphlet being finalized for WP Visitors Center Pamphlet Rack. Other West Point marketing options under review.
- PIDA planned to be discussing involvement in “Destination Peekskill” Website and coordination of marketing and social media activity with City, BID and HVGCC, Scenic Hudson, Herald-Ex-Urbanist sites.
- City wide City Business Data Base finalized and first survey questions ready to be sent out.
- PIDA/ PFDC - PFKI has requested USEDPA for permission to award bids and has responded to EDA review questions – awaiting authorization to award bids.
- PIDA and City negotiating PILOT for 901 Main Street sale, rehab and PILOT Application. A revised PILOT Application is planned to be received by the PIDA this week.
- 41 North Division – Children’s Village and Field Library partnership announcement. Library is planning the financial structure for their portion of the Project and then completing Planning

Board review process.

- Planning for HVGCC March 5th City Presentation/Breakfast is proceeding.

City of Peekskill Update – Councilman Brian Fassett presented his report:

- The City is currently accepting nomination forms for Women's History Month, Irish American Heritage Month, and Black History Month. Nomination forms can be found on the city website.
- Council reappointed five members of the CCRB – Civilian Complaint Review Board.
- Council approved the 2026 Fee Schedule – most fees have gone up about 3%. Some planning fees related to escrow went up further.
- Chief Leo Dylewski has retired. City Manager appointed a new Chief of Police – Adam Renwick.
- Council accepted a \$25,000 donation from the Lanza Family Foundation for equipment that helps our firefighters perform their duties safely and effectively.
- Council accepted a \$19,301 grant from the Leary Firefighters Foundation for battery-powered vehicular extrication equipment.
- Council approved a grant from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York - \$688,694 for the purchase of a Fire-Rescue Vessel, and \$100,000 through Senator Pete Harckham to assist with the 25% match.
- Council approved a special permit for a cannabis micro-grow business at 710 Washington Street.
- Council approved a local law officially forming the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.
- Council approved a transfer from Ecological Citizens Project and an agreement with Eden Farms to continue the operation of the farm at Lepore Park.
- The City held our inauguration on January 1, 2026 – Governor Hochul attended to swear in our Mayor Vivian McKenzie, our new council members Charles DiGruccio, Beverley Chang, and Darren Rigger, and our new Chief of Police Adam Renwick.
- Council received a full review of the 2024 city budget audit on January 5 – it was a very positive audit.
- Council accepted grants for the Youth Bureau: \$50,000 from Westchester County for the Project Elevate Program, \$5,781 from the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for the Rising Tide Boatbuilding Program, and \$12,166 for the Advancing Leadership Initiatives.
- Council approved the temporary closure of Esther Street for 2026 and included it in our Safe Streets for all review for future guidance on that closure.
- Council approved Kean & Bean P.C. as our 2026 City Attorney. Also, approving continuation with other outside counsel currently working with the City.
- Council approved terminating the agreement with Sustainable Westchester and closed out the Community Choice Aggregation Program.
- City staff are reviewing 30% construction documents for the James Street Garage and Nelson Garage, and complete bidding documents will be due by July.
- We received 6 bids for Pedestrian Safety improvements at downtown intersections – those will move forward this spring.
- DRI Connectivity Project – bids were received on November 20th and the planning department is still reviewing
- Enlighten Peekskill's public art project installed new art banners at the South Street Arches.
- The City is installing 32 new EV charging stations. (8) outside James Street Garage are being

installed this week; Lot K, F, and Riverfront Green Parking will follow. The City will prepare information on usage and fees shortly.

- The Planning Department issued an RFP for Comp Plan services; responses are due January 20.
- City Council has requested that the City Manager establish a Beautification Committee. They will be looking for residents, volunteers, and community partners who want to help shape the look, feel, and pride of our City. More info will be available soon regarding joining this committee. (also may include a subcommittee for holiday decorations).
- Based on City Manager Quality of Life Committee Report (1/12/2026) – December 2025 Report which included CM, New Police Chief, New DPW Superintendent Cornell Hammonds, and Code Enforcement:
 - City installed new LED/blinking Do Not Enter signs at the corner of N. Division and Main St. It was noted by Board Member Neville that the number of cars entering North Division Street the wrong way has decreased substantially since the signs were installed; he thanked the city. Exc. Dir. Powers noted that Board Member Kaminsky reported that one restaurant owner said the new lighted signs are “garish” and that it was reducing patrons.
 - Cornell is meeting with DPW/Parks Foremen to review their lists of open items.
 - Military Banners and Holiday Decorations are being removed
 - The sanitation calendar has been updated and is available online
 - Leaf pick up continues due to the early snowfall
 - (6) larcenies from vehicles reported – PD worked in collaboration with Yorktown PD – identified and arrested a suspect.
 - Police continue to enforce quality of life concerns downtown primarily public possession and consumption of alcohol and disorderly conduct, by walking post and patrol officers – resulting in (8) arrests or violations (6) for DWI arrests, (17) traffic arrests, (13) assault arrests, (3,003) parking tickets issued, (1,800) specific to winter parking violations, (145) traffic summons.
 - Building Department addressed (36) complaints for snow removal for December 2025, (8) Rubbish and Litter Complaints, (11) nuisance, no heat, off-street parking, noise (1) violation for work without a permit, (2) overcrowding and improper use complaints, (8) fire safety complaints – (35) summons issued
 - Fire inspections have been concentrating on 3-family and over buildings.
 - Building Dept and Code enforcement complaints decreased from 2024 to 2025 by 22%
 - Litter code enforcement complaints decreased by 44% from 2023 and 39% from 2024 – litter remains a hot topic for enforcement.

BID Audit – Treasurer Tracy distributed copies of the BID's Audit (done at the same time and released in conjunction with the City Audit to BID Board Members. Exec. Dir. Powers asked for an electronic version for placement on the BID website.

Artist District Report –

- Board Member David Abrevaya provided his monthly report: he discussed his efforts to bring a train show to next year's PAA Holiday boutique; he visited a similar show at Lasdan Park in Yorktown; they charge for admission. He has video and photos.
- Noted the Drink & Draws are doing well, trying to attract artists from outside the area.

- Noted that the PAA had to move the Holiday Boutique from Ford Piano to Division Street Grille at the last minute because of heat concerns at the Ford Piano Building; the BID had authorized an emergency request of \$1,200 to cover portable heating, but the BID did not provide those funds since the event was moved.
- Noted that the PAA Open Studios plans will get started sooner for 2026; same with holiday boutique.

Executive Director's Report – Exec. Dir. Bill Powers gave his report:

- Brief financial report: Farmers Market brought in \$32,200 with \$32,006 in expenses, making a profit of about \$200. The Flea market brought in \$41,655 in income against \$24,693, for a profit of \$17,000. Overall, the BID brought in \$173,000 between income and assessment; against \$174,700 in expenses for a small shortfall of \$1,700 which came out of our reserve fund; Exec. Powers noted that the board had approved the reprinting of the History Brochure for about \$1,500, so we were right on budget. He also noted that the BID lost eight weeks of income due to the flea market being delayed and moved.
- Flea Market was extended into December for two out of three Sundays.
- Farmers Market vendors asked if we could create an earlier market; Exec. Dir. Powers will check into it.
- Tree Lighting was successful; good crowd; many compliments from the performers.
- Will be meeting with the city's Peekskill 250 Committee this week.
- Will be scheduling a BID renewal with the City Manager.
- City is working on new logo for the city and may be ready to show it.
- Noted annual meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3 2026 at 6pm at Dramatic Hall.
- Noted that there are four property owner seat, one artists seat and one commercial tenant seat are up for election.
- Noted solicitation letters will be going in the mail soon.
- Chamber will be hosting a ribbon-cutting following their renovations on Wednesday, January 28 from 4pm-6pm; there's a \$20 entry fee. Exec. Dir. Powers will make reservation for Pres. Rogers.
- Worked with Enormous Creative and Westchester Marketing Cafe to place the BID's social media platforms on the website.

BID Member Public Comment – There we no public comments.

Adjournment to Executive Session to discuss contracts – Pres. Richard Rogers asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss contracts; Motion by Vice Pres. Campos, seconded by Board Member Chuck Lesnick. All in favor including proxies.

Board Member Lesnick made a motion to go back into regular session; seconded by Vice Pres. Rogers; all in favor. Regular session resumed.

Approval to begin process to renew BID – Board Member Lesnick made a motion to start the process to renew the BID; seconded by Board Member Rogers; all in favor including proxies.

Approval of 2026 Peekskill Farmers Market Management Contract – Vice Pres. Rogers made motion

to to accept the proposed contract from Events to Remember with some minor changes regarding vendor collections; seconded by Board Member Rudikoff; all in favor including proxies.

Approval of 2026 Peekskill Flea Market Management Contract as written – Vice Pres. Campos made a motion to accept the proposed contract from Treasures 4 Ever and Beshir Zahir; seconded by Councilman Fassett; all in favor including proxies.

Adjournment – Motion by Board Member Lesnick, seconded by Vice Pres. Rogers to adjourn, all in favor including proxies. Meeting adjourned.