

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Chuck Thomas, Chairman

Marcel Barrick

Kippy Boyle

Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Gail Fulton

Alison Filosa

Genie Abrams



Conservation Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting January 3, 2019 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chuck Thomas, Chairperson, Kippy Boyle, Gail Fulton, Alison Filosa, Marcel Barrick, Karen Eberle-McCarthy, Genie Abrams, Omar Balbuena-Palma (Secretary)

Guests: Marianne Marichal

2. Introduction of new CAC member – Genie Abrams

Abrams was introduced at the meeting.

3. Request by Philippe Pierre for tree removal.

Philippe Pierre did not appear at the meeting.

4. Presentation on Cornwall's NRI (Carla Castillo)

Carla Castillo did not appear at the meeting.

5. Administration

a. Approval of Minutes from October and December

The October minutes and December minutes were approved.

Motion by: Gail Fulton

Seconded by: Karen Eberle-McCarthy

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Thomas said the CAC does not have a treasurer and asked the members if they were interested.

Balbuena said the 2019 budget is active and the CAC currently has \$13,360.00 available. He said he will consult the IT Department to enable the CAC to view the budget online.

c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours

CAC members will submit volunteer hours via e-mail to gailfulon@rocketmail.com.

6. Site Plan Reviews

a. 82 Bridge Street

The CAC members reviewed the Coastal Assessment Form (CAF) the Applicant submitted. Thomas said questions 4 and 1.k should be revised. He said the proposed activity will occur within a local waterfront revitalization program and the runoff from the property may drain into the Quassaic Creek.

Boyle said the sidewalks were paved over. She said the sidewalks should be restored and a tree lawn should be added.

Balbuena said the next Planning Board meeting will be on January 15, 2019.

Thomas said he will draft a comment letter and forward it to the members for review.

7. CAC Priority Projects

a. LWRP Update -Locally Adopted on 7-10-17 (Thomas)

Thomas said he is waiting for a response from the State.

b. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space) (Thomas/ Barrick)

Barrick will follow up with Carla Castillo from the Hudson Valley Regional Council.

c. Urban Forestry

i) Tree/Sidewalks Conflict Solutions

Balbuena will contact Philippe Pierre regarding his proposal.

ii) Parks – Parks Conservancy Meeting

Fulton provided a brief update on the Conservancy meeting. She said the Conservancy is still seeking a 501(c)(3) determination from the IRS. She said the next meeting will be on January 4, 2019 at Grit Works.

iii) Community Education Report

Boyle said the importance of structural soil should be highlighted to the community and included as part of future tree planting projects.

d. CAC Website Update

i) CAC Donation Form

Alison submitted revisions to the donation form.

8. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water

Barrick said the state's Drinking Water Quality Council (DWQC) determined the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for toxic chemicals like PFOA, PFOS and 1,4-dioxane in drinking water at the December 18, 2018 meeting. He said the Department of Defense announced the installation of an interim water filtration system and the new threshold will be used in any clean-up.

Thomas said the State has begun to sample the surrounding areas for any contamination.

b. Newburgh Water Front Updates

○ Waterfront Trail –

Abrams said she will contact Councilwoman Mejia for an update.

○ South Street Parking; Fishing Pier & First Street Walkway/ Newburgh Landing Restoration

No update.

c. Energy-related issues – No Update

9. New Business

a. Tree Code – Marcel

Boyle said the City of Newburgh lost a considerable amount of trees in 2018. She said the tree code needs to be addressed and she has begun to look at the tree code from nearby municipalities.

Thomas said he will forward additional tree information for consideration via e-mail.

b. Environmental Justice Grant

Boyle said she scheduled a meeting with Dave Jenkins, grant writer for the City of Newburgh, to discuss potential grants.

10. Calendar of Upcoming events (webinars, training, community events) (5 Minutes)

- 01/10 Planning Board Overview
- 01/15 Planning Board meeting
- 01/17 Zoning Board of Appeals Overview
- 02/05 Update on Water Filtration System

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR JANUARY (Balbuena)

- Balbuena will forward Abrams the LWRP map, follow up with Philippe Pierre and contact the IT Department regarding the online budget for the CAC;
- Thomas will draft a comment letter for 82 Bridge Street and forward it to the CAC for review;
- Thomas will reach out to the State to follow up on the LWRP;
- Boyle will speak to the Building Inspector and the Engineering Department regarding enlarged tree pits;
- Abrams will contact Councilwoman Mejia for an update on the Waterfront trail;
- Barrick and Boyle will review the tree code;
- Boyle will forward the meeting information to the CAC to discuss potential grants and will contact the City Planner to determine if the City is a member of the Climate Smart Communities program;
- Boyle will contact Filosa to discuss additional trees for planting at S. William Street.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Marcel Barrick

Motion Seconded: Alison Filosa

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

PROJECT REVIEWS*

2019 Project Reviews by CAC

1/3	82 Bridge Street	
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2018 Project Reviews by CAC

1/5	286 Grand Street	5/3	2 Nicoll Street
2/1	5 Scobie Drive	8/2	120 Front Street
3/1	136 Lake Street		

2017 Project Reviews by CAC

1/5	182 Fullerton Ave. (Central Hudson)	4/6	123 Montgomery Street
2/2	Mill Street Bridge	5/4	35-37 Broad Street
3/2	First Street Streetscape Improvements	6/1	640 Broadway
3/2	1 Park Place	9/7	603 Broadway
3/2	100 Third Street	10/5	Sunset Ridge
4/6	73-85 Grand Street	12/7	27 S. Water Street
4/6	98 Grand Street		

2016 Project Reviews by CAC

1/7	198 S. Robinson	4/5	GPI Site Plans for Liberty St.
2/4	Carpenter Ave.	6/20	Mill Street Partners – Mid Broadway Site
4/7	2 Nicoll Street	7/25	New Windsor Hospitality
9/1	Steelways		

*See archives for prior years