

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Council Members:

Chuck Thomas, Chairman

Marcel Barrick

Kippy Boyle

Deborah Dresser

Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Gail Fulton

_____vacancy



Conservation Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting February 2, 2017 - 6:40 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chuck Thomas, Deborah Dresser, Kippy Boyle, Karen Eberle-McCarthy, Gail Fulton, Omar Balbuena-Palma (Secretary)

Excused: Marcel Barrick

Guest: Phil Prinzivalli

2. Administration

a. Approval of minutes

CAC noted that the September minutes are still pending.

January minutes approved as submitted

Motion by Karen Eberle-McCarthy

motion Seconded: Gail Fulton

The motion unanimously passed

b. 2017 Budget

CAC requested \$57,000.00

Bottom line \$10,500.00

c. Monthly Financial Report

Nothing has been spent. \$29.83 left unspent from the TD grant. \$948 dollars left to spend in the Shade Tree Fund.

d. Tree City USA Recertification & Growth Submitted

New resolution needed every year, Kippy will have the resolution ready to vote on in March.

e. New 2017 Volunteer Hours Spreadsheet

Kippy has set up a new spreadsheet and will receive the volunteer hours from the members at each meeting.

f. Posting of Vacancy on CAC – Status

CAC will inquire potential candidates: Saul Brown, Ben Brant and Eli Naher. Deborah Dresser will follow up on the vacancy posting. Gail will submit a letter of intent to remain as a member of the CAC to Omar

3. Site Plan Reviews

a. 182 Fullerton Avenue (Central Hudson)

CAC submitted a comment letter to the Planning Board. Kippy will send a list of recommended trees to the applicant.

b. Steelways & City Easement Agreement Status

Steelways agreed to a ten-foot right of way and it will follow the previously proposed path.

c. Mill Street Bridge – Coastal Consistency Review Required

CAC reviewed the Coastal Assessment form and unanimously agreed that it was consistent, the CAC noted it was well done.

4. CAC Priority Projects

a. LWRP Update (Chuck)

City Council declared themselves lead agency and are currently awaiting thirty days before making a SEQRA declaration on the draft LWRP. The City Council will then be able to adopt it locally.

b. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space) (Chuck/ Marcel)

Phil mentioned that a Brownfields map may be needed for the NRI.

c. Green infrastructure

i) Arbor Day Plans – Develop Checklist

CAC will hold a paper bag lunch at 12:00 noon in the Downing Park shelter house February 16, to brainstorm plans.

ii) TD Bank Green Streets Grant Closeout (Completed)

(1) GEM Polaris Delivered, Duplicate Keys Needed (Kippy)

Kippy will obtain duplicate keys.

(2) Storage Solution for GEM?

Tabled for next meeting.

iii) Tree Issues/Citizens requests

No update.

iv) Over-wintered trees – Spring Planting? (Marcel/Phil)

No update.

v) Parks

No update.

vi) Community Education Report

No update.

vii) Climate Smart Community

Kippy will attend a webinar and will give an update at the next meeting.

viii) Urban Farm Far Registration (Due March 17, 2017)

Chuck will fill and submit the form.

5. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water

No update.

b. Barge Anchorage Issue: State AG requesting dismissal of proposal 2/7 Beacon Meeting

Kippy, Gail, and Karen will attend the meeting.

c. Newburgh Water Front Updates

- **Waterfront Trail – None**
- **South Street Parking; Fishing Pier & First Street Walkway/ Newburgh Landing Restoration – None**

CAC will be vigilant and push the City to accurately determine the property lines.

d. Pilgrim Pipelines

Mayor Cuomo continues to be pushed by the people to halt the pipeline.

e. Energy-related Issues – Solar Installation Local Law Template

Regional Energy working group meeting on February 3. Kippy will attend.

6. New Business

- **DEC Urban Forestry Grants – Due March 1st (George Profous)**
 - **Proposal #1 – South William Street Re-Greening**
A separate meeting with Kippy will be needed to layout the proposal and will be discussed after the Arbor Day Plans meeting.
 - **Proposal #2 – Tree Maintenance Plan for non-hazardous Trees**
Kippy mentioned that the NRI will be included in the tree maintenance plan. The City Planner will be asked to attend the brown bag lunch to further discuss the grant.
 - **Proposal #3**
The CAC does not have enough people to pursue a third grant.

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

- **February 3 Regional Energy Working Group**
- **February 7 Barge Anchorage Meeting in Beacon**
- **April 22 Earth Day**
- **April 28 Arbor Day**
- **April 29 Urban Farm Fair**
- **May 6 Riversweep**
- **_____ /Spring Plantings/Education)**
- **April 30 LWRP Meeting**

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY (Omar B.)

- Arbor Day Resolution due in March. A paper bag lunch will be held beginning 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at the Downing Park Shelter house.
- Karen and Deborah will stay after the paper bag lunch to help Kippy with the South Williams Street Checklist.
- Deborah will talk to the City Planner and request her presence on February 16th at the Shelter house.
- September Minutes will be finished for March meeting (Omar).
- Chuck will finish the 2015 and 2016 Annual report with input from Kippy.
- Chuck will forward the appointment e-mail from Ms. Kelson to the CAC for reference.
- Chuck will attend the LWRP meeting on Sunday, April 30th 2017. He will gather old maps with Mary to review the old property owners.
- Gail will forward a letter of intent to renew her term in the CAC to Omar.
- The CAC will propose new candidates to fill its vacancy, possibly Saul Brown or Ben Grant. Kippy will follow up.
- Deborah will speak to Corporation Counsel regarding the CAC vacancy, after addressing a separate issue.
- Kippy will send 182 Fullerton a list of tree recommendations.

- Check NRI Brownfields with Chad (Omar).
- Talk to Marcel to get in contact with Eli Naher.
- Kippy, Gail, and Karen will attend the February 7th Barge Anchorage meeting
- Kippy will attend the regional energy meeting today

8. Motion To Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Deborah Dresser

Motion Seconded: Karen Eberle Mc-Carthy

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL PROJECT REVIEWS

2017 Project Reviews by CAC

1/5	182 Fullerton Ave. (Central Hudson)	
2/2	Mill Street Bridge – Coastal Consistency Review	

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	10/6	
(Date)	182 Fullerton (Central Hudson)		

2015 Project Reviews by CAC

First Street Fishing Pier; Comments to Engineering 6/8/15	Habitat Newburgh – Ann St. at Johnston, four units; CAC ltr 9/04/2015
Safe Harbors Park – Broadway at Liberty; comments to PB 8/12/15	Habitat Newburgh – 123 Washington Street – street trees

T/Newburgh Matrix Development in City Watershed – 17K/I-87; CAC Ltr 8/20/15	
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2014 Project Reviews by CAC

Shell Gas Station (405 Broadway)	Independent Living
Rt. 300 – Crystal Run	Re-Zoning/LWRP Update
Water Tower replacement	Newburgh Landing/South St./Fishing Pier
Torches	Tyrone Crabb Park Planting List
#5 Scobie Drive	North Montgomery St.

2017 URBAN FORESTRY MONTHLY UPDATE

CITIZEN REQUESTS

From December:

420 Grand – Remediate, don't remove

South Street – High School

Montgomery St. Historical Society – Arborist complaint/Tree Removed

DPW MAINTENANCE

- **Removals**
- **Pruning**
- **Stump-grinding**
- **other**

TREE INVENTORY DATABASE UPDATED