

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

Alison Filosa



Conservation Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting March 1, 2018 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

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

Excused: Marcel Barrick, Deborah Dresser

Guests: Phil Prinzivalli Urban Forestry Committee Member

2. Administration

a. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2018

The February minutes were approved.

Motion by: Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Seconded by: Gail Fulton

The motion unanimously passed.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Boyle said the CAC has \$8,200.00 dollars in the budget and the available balance in the Shade Tree Donation line is \$1,370.00 dollars. She said an invoice for \$1,950.00 will be deducted for tree plantings and asked if the expense could be taken from the 2017 budget. She said the registration deadline for the NYS ReLeaf conference is approaching.

Alison Filosa, Gail Fulton, Kippy Boyle agreed to attend the ReLeaf Conference.

Prinzivalli said a subscription fee for Davey Trees may be received via e-mail.

c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours

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

3. Site Plan Reviews

a. 136 Lake Street – Coastal Consistency Review

The CAC reviewed the Coastal Assessment Form for 136 Lake Street and were concerned with the following questions: 1(i), 1(j), and 1(k). They asked if grease traps are/will be installed and if the appropriate steps were taken to securely store oils and garbage on-site. Thomas said public access to the lake should be encouraged and Boyle said to notify the Planning Board that the existing violations could be pertinent to the CAC discussion.

The CAC members agreed questions four should be answered “yes”

b. Site Plan Updates

i) 286 Grand Street – No Update

ii) 27 S. Water Street – Approved

iii) 35-37 Broad Street – No update

4. CAC Priority Projects

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

Thomas said the CAC may want to follow up with the State regarding the LWRP. Boyle said BFJ Planning will begin to work on updating the City of Newburgh Comprehensive Plan.

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

Thomas said Scenic Hudson is working on “Open Space” definitions.

c. Dark Skies

Thomas said the lights near the Waterfront parking lots are too bright, Boyle said the letter may be sent to BFJ Planning for consideration. Balbuena will follow up with Barrick regarding the Dark Skies letter.

d. Urban Forestry

i) Tree Issues/ Citizen Requests

(1) On-site Tree Inspections

Boyle summarized the on-site tree inspections. Boyle said two trees in front of the Heritage Center died. Thomas said a tree is Ordinance is missing from the City Code for properties not in the Historic District. Boyle said the CAC should suggest alternative tree planting locations for Arbor Day.

(2) High Risk Trees List

Boyle said the six trees were planted.

ii) Parks –Park Conservancy Meeting

Fulton said she spoke to the City Planner in regard to making South Street a park and will distribute a letter to the CAC.

iii) Arbor Day

Boyle said the Library lobby is booked and art paintings can be hung at City Hall. She said a replacement tree may be planted outside of the Heritage Center and that Dresser is working on the Arbor Day Flyer.

iv) Community Education Report

Eberle-McCarthy will review the tree tags.

v) CAC Website Update

The CAC homepage will be updated with the latest comment letter for 136 Lake Street after it is completed.

5. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water

Thomas said the City of Newburgh plans to file civil lawsuits over the contamination of its reservoir with a toxic chemical.

b. Newburgh Water Front Updates

- **Waterfront Trail – No update**
- **South Street Parking; Fishing Pier & First Street Walkway/ Newburgh Landing Restoration – No update**

c. Energy-related issues – No update

6. New Business

a. Urban Farm Fair

Eberly-McCarthy and Fulton will convene with Dresser to determine what will be needed for the Urban Farm. Filosa and Boyle will post an advertisement for volunteers on Newburgh Next Door.

b. Tree City USA invitation

Thomas said the CAC was invited to participate in Tree City USA on March 29, 2018. He said anyone interested in participating should contact Boyle.

c. Clearwater's Community Resilience Environmental Literacy Grant Proposal

Thomas said the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is requesting a letter of commitment from the CAC. He said a draft letter will be sent for review.

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

- 3/16 ReLeaf Workshop in the Borough Hall, Brooklyn @ 9:30 a.m.
- 3/29 Tree City USA Recognition
- 4/11 Tree Mapping Technologies for Modern Urban Forest Management
- 4/21 Earth Day
- 4/27 Arbor Day
- 4/28 Urban Farm Fair

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH (Balbuena)

- Thomas will send the Clearwater draft letter for review
- Balbuena will send the tree invoice for payment and see if the remaining 2017 CAC budget can be used
- Balbuena will re-send the Narrative Summary for the Kaplan Project
- Fulton will send the South Street park letter to the Thomas or Balbuena
- Balbuena will follow up with Barrick regarding the Dark Skies letter
- Dresser and Fulton will volunteer for the Urban Farm Fair
- Dresser will work on the Arbor Day Flyer
- Boyle to follow up with DPW to remove the marked trees at the Armory
- Boyle said the CAC should recommend additional tree planting locations for Arbor Day
- CAC members interested in attending the ReLeaf Conference should contact Boyle for registration
- Balbuena to follow up with Boyle to update the CAC website
- Filosa and Boyle will post an advertisement for volunteers on Newburgh Next Door

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Motion Seconded: Gail Fulton

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL PROJECT REVIEWS

2018 Project Reviews By CAC

1/5	286 Grand Street	3/1	136 Lake Street
2/1	5 Scobie Drive		

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		

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	

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.