

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Alison Filosa

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Conservation Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting March 21, 2019 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: Genie Abrams

Guests: Jack Powell, Fred Fetter, Anusha Mehar

2. S. William St. Grant Status

Fred Fetter and Jack Powell appeared. Mr. Powell gave a brief recap of the S. William Street planting status.

Ms. Boyle and Ms. Filosa will speak to the Arborists to determine the remaining eleven (11) trees to be planted.

Ms. Boyle said a grant progress report needs to be submitted by March 31, 2019. She said the deadline for the project is on September.

3. Administration

- **Approval of Minutes from February meeting**
The February minutes were approved.

Motion by: Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Seconded by: Gail Fulton

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Monthly Financial Report**

Ms. Boyle said the CAC needs to provide a match for the grant on Clinton Street.

Amend the 2019 budget to provide a \$300 match for the Clinton Street Landscaping project from the Tree Planting & Maintenance Line.

Motion by: Karen Eberle-McCarthy
Seconded by: Marcel Barrick
The motion passed unanimously.

- **Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours**
CAC members will submit volunteer hours via e-mail to gailfulon@rocketmail.com.

4. Site Plan Reviews

- **260 Liberty Street**
The CAC members reviewed the Coastal Assessment Form and determined it was generally consistent with the LWRP.

Mr. Thomas said question 2(i) should be reviewed for clarity. He said the plan should contain storm water run-of mitigation, a tree lawn and permeable pavers. He said a comment letter will be forwarded for consideration by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

5. CAC Priority Projects

- **LWRP Update -Locally Adopted on 7-10-17**
Mr. Thomas said the New York Department of State has responded with a list of comments regarding the LWRP. He said he will forward the comments via e-mail.
- **Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space)**
No update.
- **Urban Forestry**
 - **Tree City USA Application/Growth awards 2018 Form**
Ms. Boyle is working on the Tree City application.
 - **Code Revisions for Trees**
Ms. Boyle will inquire with the Engineering Department (Chad) regarding the parameters of the sidewalks for tree plantings.
 - **Tree/Sidewalks Conflict Solutions**
The CAC reviewed tree conflicts at several properties. Ms. Boyle will forward the determination to DPW after the Arborist reviews.
 - **Liberty Street Trees**
Anusha Mehar appeared. Ms. Mehar said she is interested in tree plantings on Liberty Street between Spring Street and Renwick Street. She said she has a list of local business Owners in support of the project.

The CAC discussed tree planting with Ms. Mehar.

Mr. Barrick said he will assist in locating the tree pit locations.

- **Community Education**
Mr. Barrick will forward a guide for the tree planting process in Newburgh
- **Parks – Park Conservancy Meeting**
Mr. Thomas said the Newburgh Parks Inventory and Improvements Guide was completed by Scenic Hudson. He encouraged the CAC to review the guide.

Ms. Fulton said the non-profit obtained 501(c)(3) determination from the IRS.

- **CAC Website - Update**
Ms. Boyle said she will provide an update soon.
- **2019 Urban Forestry Conference**
 - **Complete & Install Tree Signage in Downing Park**
Ms. Filosa said approximately eight (8) tree tags need to be corrected. She said she will submit an invoice for the expense.
 - **Tour of Park by members of CAC**
Ms. Boyle and Ms. Eberle-McCarthy will determine who will be the tour guide.

6. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

- **Drinking Water**
Mr. Barrick said the City is still in lawsuit proceedings.
- **Newburgh Waterfront Updates**
 - **Waterfront Trail**
Ms. Boyle said a trail should be mapped out.
 - **South Street Park; Fishing Pier & First Street Walkway/Newburgh Landing Restoration**
Ms. Boyle said perhaps the landing should be moved to People's Park.
- **Energy-related issues – No Update**

7. New Business

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

- 04/24 Arbor Day
- 04/27 Community Clean-up, Tower of Victory dedication
- 04/30 OCMPF Evening Course
- 05/04 Riverkeeper Sweep
- 05/14 OCMPF Evening Course

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH (Balbuena)

- Ms. Filosa will help choose the remaining (11) trees for the S. William Street Grant;
- Ms. Boyle will discuss/verify the trees to be planted for the S. William Street Grant with Fred Fetter and Jack Powell;
- Mr. Thomas will forward the comment letter for 260 Liberty Street;
- Mr. Barrick will assist Ms. Mehar to determine tree pit locations on Liberty Street from Spring Street to Renwick Street;
- DEC progress report is due on March 31 for the William Street Grant
- Ms. Filosa will revise the tree tags and submit an invoice;
- Ms. Boyle and Ms. Eberle-McCarthy to determine who will be the park tour guide (for the Urban Forestry Conference);
- Mr. Barrick will forward a guide for the tree planting process in Newburgh;
- Ms. Boyle will inquire with the Engineering Department (Chad) regarding the parameters of the sidewalks for tree plantings;
- Mr. Thomas will speak to John Courtsunis to follow up on the tree planting in front of Commodore chocolatier;
- Next CAC meeting date is on April 18, 2019

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Marcel Barrick

Motion Seconded: Alison Filosa

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 830 p.m.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL PROJECT REVIEWS*

2019 Project Reviews by CAC

1/3	82 Bridge Street	3/21	260 Liberty Street
2/7	43 Beacon Street		

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