

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Chuck Thomas, Chairman

Marcel Barrick

Kippy Boyle

Deborah Dresser

Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Gail Fulton

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Conservation Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting May 3, 2018 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chuck Thomas Chairperson, Kippy Boyle, Deborah Dresser, Marcel Barrick
Omar Balbuena-Palma (Secretary)

Excused: Karen Eberle-McCarthy, Gail Fulton, Alison Filosa

Guests: Phil Prinzivalli Urban Forestry Committee Member
Joseph Cherneck, Joe and Maureen Darnetko

The Chair moved the presentation by 2 Nicoll Street forward on the agenda.

Site Plan Review: 2 Nicoll Street

Joeseeph and Maureen Darnetko appeared before the CAC. Mr. Darnetko said the intent is to install a 15' x 30' salt pool on the rear of the property. He said a main sewer pipe is located on the property but added that the pool will not cause a problem. He said the application is going before the Planning Board and they are awaiting comments by the City Engineer to see what else is required.

The Chair clarified that the property falls within the LWRP boundary and requires review by the CAC.

Barrick said he doesn't have a problem with the pool installation. He said the Owners should look into reducing the water velocity to avoid soil erosion.

Thomas said the protruding pipe should be addressed to reduce additional storm water run-off as per question 1(j) on the Coastal Assessment Form.

The CAC discussed options to reduce storm water run-off and agreed to submit a comment letter to the Planning Board after reviewing the Coastal Assessment form.

Karen Eberle-McCarthy joined the CAC meeting at 7:17 p.m.

2. Administration

a. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2018

The April minutes were approved.

Motion by: Deborah Dresser

Seconded by: Karen Eberle-McCarthy

The motion unanimously passed.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Dresser said the CAC has \$5,821.65 dollars remaining in the 2018 budget. She said a few invoices pertaining to the DEC Demonstration project and Arbor Day will be submitted.

c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours

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

3. Site Plan Reviews

a. Site Plan Updates

i) **136 Lake Street – Approved**

ii) **286 Grand Street – No Update**

iii) **35-37 Broad Street – Revised Drawings**

4. CAC Priority Projects

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

Thomas said Meg Phillips from the New York State Department of State reached out to him to follow up on the LWRP. He said the next step for the LWRP document is to go through a 60-day review process. He said the CAC was invited to meet with the Department of State at the Waterfront on May 23, 2018.

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

Thomas will send a letter to Planning and Development regarding Open Space meetings with Scenic Hudson.

c. Dark Skies

Thomas sent the Dark Skies letter to the City.

d. Urban Forestry

i) Pilot Project/DEC Video (may 9)

George Profous will forward the project start time. Boyle said the Engineering Department should be present to explain the project.

ii) Tree Issues/ Citizen Requests

(1) On-site Tree Inspections – No update

(2) High Risk Trees List

Dresser said two trees were removed by 15 ½ Overlook Place and Habitat for Humanity will install two trees. She said Habitat for Humanity is willing to install a third tree if the CAC is willing to pay the expenses. The CAC members agreed to pay the expenses.

iii) Parks –Park Conservancy Meeting

The Parks Conservancy meeting will meet on May 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Eberle-McCarthy said she will attend the meeting and provide a review at the next CAC meeting.

iv) Community Education Report

The Art Project will be kept for an additional week.

e. CAC Website Update

Balbuena will add the DEC Demonstration project to the website. Boyle will follow up with Balbuena on the update.

5. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water

Barrick said Hoosick Falls decided to postpone the water lobby day in Albany to receive additional feedback and expand their scope. Thomas said the Department of Defense has begun a clean-up of the lagoons in the base with a plan to add a filtration system. He said there is no current plan to clean-up Rec Pond that he is aware of.

b. Newburgh Water Front Updates

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

Thomas recommended the CAC to visit the Fishing Pier to view the progress.

c. Energy-related issues – No update

6. New Business

a. Newburgh Vision Plan Meeting

The City of Newburgh Planning & Development will hold a public workshop for input in order to create a vision plan and develop goals for Newburgh's future.

b. Available Grant Funding

Boyle said the City of Newburgh hired an outside consultant to assist with obtaining grants. Thomas asked if the Planning & Development Department has included an LWRP component in their grants.

c. Poughkeepsie CAC

Barrick said residents from Poughkeepsie would like to petition their Council members to create a Poughkeepsie CAC. He said they are requesting support from the Newburgh CAC. The CAC members agreed to send a letter of support to Poughkeepsie.

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

- 5/4 Parks Conservancy meeting
- 5/9 DEC Demonstration Project
- 5/23 New York State Department of State Waterfront visit
- 5/24 Local Government Training workshop
- 5/30 Newburgh Vision Plan Meeting
- 7/26 Annual Statewide ReLeaf Conference

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY (Balbuena)

- George Profous will send the start time of the video recording for the Pilot Project on Broadway.
- Kippy will send an invite to the Assistant City Engineer, Chad Wade, to speak about the DEC Demonstration Project
- Balbuena will add the DEC Demonstration video to the website and will follow up with Boyle regarding the website
- Eberle-McCarthy will attend the Parks Conservancy Meeting
- Eberle-McCarthy, Dresser, and Barrick will attend the Local Government Training workshop
- Thomas will forward a comment letter for 2 Nicoll Street and follow up with Planning & Development regarding the Open Space meetings and the LWRP component

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Deborah Dresser

Motion Seconded: Marcel Barrick

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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PROJECT REVIEWS*

2018 Project Reviews By CAC

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