

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 May 4, 2017 - 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: Deborah Dresser

Guests: Phil Prinzivalli Urban Forestry Committee Member
James Holland, Nina Sutton, Marianne Marichal, Piotr Jagninski, Nadia Tarr, Nora Tegni,
Suzanne Hamlin and Heather Moore

2. Administration

a. Approval of minutes

April minutes tabled pending review by Dresser.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Shade Tree Donation: \$1,545.84

- Remain unencumbered.

Printing: \$966.81

- Boyle submitted an invoice for the Urban Farm Fair flyers: \$33.19

Tree planting and maintenance: \$7,220.00

- Boyle will submit an invoice for Arbor Day expenses ~ \$880.00

Education: \$1,820.00

- Remain unencumbered.

c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours

Guests were notified to turn in any volunteer hours to Boyle.

d. Posting of Vacancy on CAC – Status

Guests were informed of available full term CAC position and instructed to submit a letter of interest to Thomas.

e. City Clerk Swearing in – Everyone must do!

Financial disclosures must also be submitted.

3. Site Plan Reviews

a. 35-37 Broad Street – CCF review

Proposed 121 parking space on the western side of Water Street. A component of the proposed parking area is a designated cross-walk and traffic signal on Water Street for safe pedestrian crossing to the eastern side of the street. The need for the parking lot is in conjunction with the future redevelopment of the Regal Bag building and its adjacent land. The use is permitted in the RL zoning district via a special use permit granted by the City Planning Board.

Concerns were raised regarding the: bio-retention wall, plans for grading, water run-off, permeable pavement, the effect on air quality by the cars, light pollution to the historic district, the loss of trees, and the increase to traffic.

The CAC encouraged the guests to attend the Planning Board meeting for further information on the project.

Thomas will begin to draft the CAC comment letter for 35-37 Broad Street

b. Site Plan updates

i) 73-85 Grand Street - Tabled

ii) 98 Grand Street –Will seek approval on the May 16th Planning Board meeting

iii) 123 Montgomery Street – Zoning Variance approved

iv) Steelways & City Easement Agreement – Zoning Enforcement Update

Code Compliance sent an inspector to review clear-cutting.

4. CAC Priority Projects

a. LWRP Update (Chuck)

Sent by the City to the Department of State for the sixty-day review. The Planning Department is supporting local adoption.

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

2 CD's full of maps from the Orange County Water authority related to Newburgh were received for the NRI. New Estuary grants may be able to provide further funding.

c. Green infrastructure

i) Solarize Newburgh Update

In two weeks the Solar Installer will be selected in order to give property owners free assessments.

ii) Storage Solution for GEM

No update.

iii) Tree Issues/ Citizen Requests

(1) Urban Forestry/ Arbor Day + Urban Farm Fair Report

(2) High Risk Trees List

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

No update.

v) Parks – Tyrone Crabb Trees

Councilwoman Karen Mejia would like to replace the trees. The CAC encouraged the guests to recommend trees to be planted and help clean the parks.

vi) Community Education Report

No update.

vii) Climate Smart Community

No update.

5. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water: No Update

b. Newburgh Water Front Updates

o Waterfront Trail

Boyle will call Alexandra Church, the City Planner, to keep the nesting area for the birds.

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

Construction will begin soon.

c. Energy-related issues

o Pilgrim Pipelines

6. New Business

o 2017 Hudson River Estuary Grants for Local Stewardship Planning – Round 22

o Website Update

Omar will get the CAC website updated with the Unified Solar Permit.

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

o May 6 Riversweep

o July 13-15 NY State Urban Forestry Conference

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR MAY (Omar B.)

- Balbuena will get the CAC website updated with the Unified Solar Permit.

- Barrick to e-mail the public the Planning Board meeting dates (see attached).

- Barrick will send Thomas the S.I.T.E.S. info.

- Thomas will begin to draft the CAC comment letter for 35-37 Broad Street.

- Boyle will set a meeting date with Chad Wade, the assistant City Engineer and e-mail him regarding the easement status of 401 Water Street (Steelways) and the findings of the building inspector.

- Boyle will call Alexandra Church, the City Planner, in order to keep the nesting area for birds on the waterfront trail.

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

2017 Project Reviews by CAC

1/5	182 Fullerton Ave. (Central Hudson)	4/6	73-85 Grand Street
2/2	Mill Street Bridge	4/6	98 Grand Street

3/2	First Street Streetscape Improvements	4/6	123 Montgomery Street
3/2	1 Park Place	5/4	35-37 Broad 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.

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

2017 Planning Board Meeting and Application Due by Dates.

Unless otherwise noticed, all meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month at the Activities Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh NY at 7:30 pm.

Applications shall be turned in to the Land Use Boards Secretary located at 83 Broadway, Second Floor. Forms and information can be accessed in the Planning Board page on City of Newburgh website.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Cutoff Date</u>	<u>Meeting on</u>
January	January 6,	January 17,
February	February 10,	February 21
March	March 10	March 21
April	April 7	April 18
May	May 5	May 16
June	June 9	June 20
July	July 7	July 18
August	August 4	August 15
September	September 8	September 19
October	October 6	October 17
November	November 10	November 21
December	December 8	December 19