

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 June 1, 2017 - 6:40 PM

1. Roll Call

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

Guests: Phil Prinzivalli Urban Forestry Committee Member
Nadia Tarr, Marianne Marichal, Brian Difeo, Suzanne Hamlin, Kevindaryan Lujan

2. Administration

a. Approval of minutes

April minutes approved with amendments by Dresser.

Motion by: Deborah Dresser

Seconded by: Karen Eberle-McCarthy

The motion unanimously passed.

May minutes approved with amendments by Dresser.

Motion by: Deborah Dresser

Seconded by: Gail Fulton

The motion unanimously passed.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Shade Tree Donation: \$1,345.84

Bottom line: \$9,488.00

- Remain unencumbered

Barrick returned a water tank bought with the TD Grant and now the CAC has the refund available to spend.

c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours

CAC members will turn in 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!

Eberle will finish swearing in on June 2, 2017.

3. Site Plan Reviews

a. 35-37 Broad Street – CCF review

The CAC members will submit any additional comments to Thomas and the complete comment letter will be submitted to Balbuena on June 10, 2017.

b. 640 Broadway – CCF Review

Prinzivalli raised a concern regarding grease discharge and waste disposal methods.

The CAC reviewed the Coastal Consistency Form and found that it was consistent with the LWRP after a few modifications are made.

Motion by: Marcel Barrick

Motion Seconded by: Kippy Boyle

The motion unanimously passed.

c. Site Plan updates

i) 73-85 Grand – Application withdrawn

ii) 98 Grand Street – Approved

iii) 123 Montgomery Street – Zoning Variance approved

iv) Steelways & City Easement Agreement – Zoning Enforcement Update

No update.

4. CAC Priority Projects

a. LWRP Update (Thomas)

Thomas will call Deirdre Glenn, the Director of Planning & Development or Alexandra Church, the City Planner, regarding the local adoption of the LWRP resolution.

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

Barrick will coordinate a review of the NRI maps with Thomas.

c. Green infrastructure

i) Solarize Newburgh Update

Saul Brown will be attending Newburgh Illuminated and is looking for volunteers. At the booth, the volunteers will be responsible for registering property owners for free energy assessments.

ii) Storage Solution for GEM

Barrick will meet with SUNY staff on Tuesday, June 6, to clarify whether the GEM can be stored in the SUNY parking lot.

iii) Tree Issues/ Citizen Requests

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

Boyle and Councilwoman Karen Mejia will take the GEM around Newburgh mulching the trees on Wednesday, June 6, 2017.

(2) High Risk Trees List

Balbuena will follow up with William Horton, the Building Inspector, regarding 70 Townsend Avenue.

iv) Over-wintered trees – Spring Planting? (Barrick/Prinzivalli)

Fred Fetter, Arborist, says the trees are in great condition and Boyle/Eberle/Barrick/Prinzivalli will mark locations for the DPW to plant the trees in.

v) Parks – Tyrone Crabb Trees

Boyle told Mejia, the expense for replacing the trees in Tyrone Crabb Park could be taken from the CAC budget. The CAC members agreed to pay for the replacement cost.

vi) Community Education Report

Boyle shared information on tree identification tags for city trees.

vii) Climate Smart Community

No update.

5. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water

The deadline to finish the filtration system for Washington Lake is approaching in August.

b. Newburgh Water Front Updates

The CAC members agree that permeable pavement should be implemented where possible.

Boyle will check the permeable pavement details in other municipalities and send the information to Chad Wade, the Assistant City Engineer.

○ **Waterfront Trail**

No update.

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

c. Energy-related issues

○ **Pilgrim Pipelines**

6. New Business

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

Barrick will follow up on the Estuary grant information with Tana Bigelow, Green Infrastructure Coordinator.

○ **Website Update**

Dresser will send Balbuena the CAC internet homepage update details.

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

- **June 3** **Newburgh Illuminated**
- **June 7** **Educational Workshop**
- **July 13-15** **NY State Urban Forestry Conference**

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE (Balbuena)

- Boyle will talk to Mejia regarding the maintenance of Tyrone Park.
- Boyle will take the GEM on June 9th for Spruce up Newburgh.
- Boyle will sign up for the annual ReLeaf Conference (Barrick and Fulton will consider signing up).
- Boyle will talk to Prinzivalli regarding a tree issue on Fullerton Avenue.
- Boyle will check the permeable pavement details in other municipalities and send the information to Chad Wade, the Assistant City Engineer.
- Boyle will see if tree identification signs can be placed on Newburgh trees.
- Boyle/Eberle/Barrick/Prinzivalli will mark locations for the DPW to plant the trees in.
- Thomas will call Glenn or Church, regarding the local adoption of the LWRP resolution.
- Thomas will distribute a draft comment letter to the CAC for 640 Broadway.
- Barrick will coordinate a review of the NRI maps with Thomas.
- Barrick will meet with SUNY staff on Tuesday, June 6, and clarify whether the GEM can be stored in the SUNY parking lot.

- Barrick will follow up on the Estuary grant information with Bigelow.
- Balbuena to follow up with Horton regarding 70 Townsend Avenue.
- Eberle will finish swearing in and submit the financial disclosure to the City Clerk.
- Eberle will discuss “Community Workday” in a meeting with Glenn on June 2, 2017.
- Dresser will send Balbuena the CAC internet homepage update details.
- Dresser will call Eliana Diaz, the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, regarding the City Facebook page.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Kippy Boyle

Motion Seconded: Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL PROJECT REVIEWS

2017 Project Reviews by CAC

1/5	182 Fullerton Ave. (Central Hudson)	4/6	98 Grand Street
2/2	Mill Street Bridge	4/6	123 Montgomery Street
3/2	First Street Streetscape Improvements	5/4	35-37 Broad Street
3/2	1 Park Place	6/1	640 Broadway
4/6	73-85 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
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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