

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 June 7, 2018 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

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

Excused: Deborah Dresser, Karen Eberle-McCarthy,

Guests: Virginia Kasinki

2. Community Project – Empire Solar Solutions

The Representative from Empire Solar Solutions did not appear.

3. Administration

a. Approval of Minutes from May 3, 2018

The May minutes were approved.

Motion by: Kippy Boyle

Seconded by: Marcel Barrick

The motion unanimously passed.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Thomas said the CAC has \$5,365 remaining in the 2018 budget and around \$1,400 left in donations. Thomas said the Ladies Monday Study Group donated \$500 to the CAC in order to plant a tree in Downing Park for Judy Kennedy.

Boyle said the DPW purchased the soil from Tantillo's and the CAC will reimburse DPW using funds from the DEC Demonstration Project line.

Alison suggested purchasing a solar charging unit for cellphones or a solar generator.

c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours

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

4. Site Plan Updates

- a. 2 Nicoll Street – No Update**
- b. 286 Grand Street – No Update**
- c. 35-37 Broad Street – No Update**

5. CAC Priority Projects

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

Thomas, Eberle-McCarthy and Boyle met with the New York State Department of State at the Waterfront on May 23, 2018. Thomas said the LWRP update is in review and that a legal review would take approximately six weeks. He mentioned a need for a formal LWRP map with underwater land holders.

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

Thomas said Scenic Hudson is continuing to work on an Open Space definition.

c. Urban Forestry

i) Pilot Project/DEC Video

Project completed, video was posted to the City website.

ii) Tree/Sidewalks Conflict Solutions

Boyle said a tree ordinance should be implemented for the City of Newburgh. She said the CAC should draft an Ordinance for review by Corporation Counsel. Thomas said the existing canopy coverage percent should be taken into consideration.

iii) Parks –Park Conservancy Meeting

Kasinki said Scenic Hudson will hold a tour on July 6 after the Parks Conservancy meeting for the Open Space.

iv) Community Education Report

Alison said the tree tags should be reviewed prior to placement.

d. CAC Website Update

Balbuena said the Tree Donation program should be updated.

6. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water

Barrick said the City is still connected to the Catskill Aqueducts. He said the Department of Defense is conversations with the lease owners to clean-up Rec Pond. Thomas said the Newburgh Vision Plan should contain a safe drinking water plan and encouraged the CAC to take a survey for the Newburgh Vision Plan.

b. Newburgh Water Front Updates

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

c. Energy-related issues – No update

7. New Business

a. Downing Park Greenhouse License Agreement with Urban Farm

Kasinki said the license agreement with the Urban Farm is ready to be signed by the City Manager. She said the site needs to be cleaned up and the locks replaced. She said the insurance fee for the public is too high and only authorized personnel will be allowed to enter. She said the existing trailer needs to be removed and the arborist should enter the site to review the trees.

b. 2018 – TreeKeeper renewal

Thomas said the renewal costs approximately \$6,280 and renewal is critical to the CAC. Barrick said the Department of Public Works have access to the software but one individual should keep track and update the application as necessary.

c. Grant Opportunities

Boyle said a call will be set up to discuss possible grants with the grant writer.

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

- 6/12 Webinar for CAC grant update
- 6/18 Public Workshop #3 City of Newburgh Vision Plan
- 6/19 2 Nicoll Street Comment Letter due
- 7/6 Parks Conservancy Meeting
- 7/26 Annual Statewide ReLeaf Conference

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE (Balbuena)

- Boyle to send ReLeaf conference registration forms to Balbuena
- CAC members will take the Newburgh Vision Plan and Newburgh Free Library Survey
- DEC Project video will be moved to the front page of the City website
- Boyle will forward draft ordinance to Corporation Counsel for review
- Boyle will follow up on the tree tag status with Eberle-McCarthy and Dresser
- Boyle will call the Superintendent of DPW to look at the Urban Farm garage for clean up
- Boyle will follow up with a conference date with the grant writer
- Attend the June 18 Newburgh Vision Plan meeting at the Library

9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Alison Filosa

Motion Seconded: Gail Fulton

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 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	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