Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York
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Kippy Boyle
Karen Eberle-McCarthy
Gail Fulton
Alison Filosa
Genie Abrams

Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting
June 20, 2019 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: **Chuck Thomas, Chairperson, Marcel Barrick, Gail Fulton, Alison Filosa, Genie Abrams, Omar Balbuena-Palma (Secretary)**

Excused: **Karen Eberle-McCarthy, Kippy Boyle**

Guest: **Ilyssa Daly from the Mid-Hudson Times**

2. Administration

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

  Motion by: Chuck Thomas
  Seconded by: Genie Abrams
  The motion passed unanimously.

- **Monthly Financial Report**
  The Secretary said the Ms. Abrams was reimbursed and there is a total of $12,882.03 remaining in the budget.

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

3. Site Plan Reviews

- **Kaplan Water Street Redevelopment Project (Updated)**
  The Secretary said the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the Kaplan Water Street Redevelopment Project on July 16, 2019.

4. CAC Priority Projects

- **LWRP Update -Locally Adopted on 7-10-17**
  Mr. Barrick said he is reviewing the comments by the New York Department of State on the LWRP.

- **Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space)**
  Mr. Thomas said Carla Castillo from the Hudson Valley Regional Council is offering assistance.

- **Urban Forestry**
  - **GEM Vehicle Status**
    Mr. Thomas said the vehicle is on recall due to a faulty battery and is not ready for use.
  - **S. William St. Grant Status**
    Mr. Thomas said four (4) hybrid oaks were newly planted on the North Side of S. William Street across from the Newburgh Armory.
  - **Code Revisions for Trees**
    No update.
  - **Tree/Sidewalks Conflict Solutions**
    Mr. Thomas said trees offer several benefits to the City and they must be protected.
    He said the CAC will schedule the arborist to review several tree locations before a response is sent to DPW.

    Ms. Abrams confirmed tree maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner.

    Mr. Barrick said trees have a positive socioeconomic impact as well.
  - **Community Education Report**
    Mr. Thomas said Urban Archive is a new mobile application designed to interact with Newburgh's history as it happened through archival photos and special features such as curated walking tours and audio tours. He said the public should download the application to learn more about the history of Newburgh and encouraged to attend the upcoming ReLeaf Conference.
  - **Parks – Park Conservancy Meeting**
    Ms. Fulton said the next meeting will be on July 3 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- **2019 Urban Forestry Conference**
  - **Complete & Install Tree Signage in Downing Park**
    Ms. Filosa said the tree tags will be installed soon.
  - **Tour of Park by members of CAC**
    No update.

5. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

- **Drinking Water**
  Mr. Barrick said he is looking into who will be on the Restoration Advisory Council. He said the Department of Defense was looking for people in the community to be involved.

- **Newburgh Waterfront Updates**
  - **Waterfront Trail**
    Mr. Thomas said the Planning Board should enforce the requirements of the Planned Waterfront District ("PWD"). He said the Applicant for the Kaplan Water Street Redevelopment should provide public access to the waterfront per the City Code.
  - **South Street Park; Fishing Pier & First Street Walkway/Newburgh Landing Restoration**
    No update.

- **Energy-related issues**
  Mr. Thomas said the Proposed Danskammer Project to repower its plant in the Town of Newburgh is ongoing.

6. New Business

- **Community Preservation Act**
  Mr. Thomas, said the Act is essentially a fee on development that can then be used to fund parks and open space acquisition. He said the Act passed the assembly and the details need to be revised. He said the CAC should forward a comment letter for consideration.
- **Banta Project**
  Mr. Thomas said the proposed hotel before the Town of New Windsor Planning Board is known as the Banta Project. He said the Applicant proposes the development of a 2.81 acre lot as a four-story, 93-guestroom hotel. He said the action will include the installation of appurtenant utilities and parking facilities and will definitely cause an impact to the City of Newburgh. He said the CAC should forward a comment letter for consideration.

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

- 07/16 Planning Board Meeting (Public Hearing)
- 07/17 Town of New Windsor Planning Board Meeting (Public Hearing)
- 07/18 to 07/20 ReLeaf Conference

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR JUNE (Balbuena)

- Secretary to send notice for registration to the ReLeaf Conference;
- E-mail volunteer hours to Ms. Fulton;
- CAC should forward comment letters for the Community Preservation Act and the Banta Project;
- CAC will forward the tree recommendation to DPW regarding tree conflicts;
- Ms. Filosa will send a request for assistance to install the tree tags;
- CAC will review meeting time for next CAC meeting on July 18;
- CAC representative should attend next Planning Board meeting on July 16 and July 17.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Genie Abrams
Motion Seconded: Gail Fulton
The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 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	4/18	Kaplan Water Street Redevelopment Project

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