

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 July 6, 2017 - 6:37 PM

1. Roll Call

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

Excused: Karen Eberle-McCarthy, Deborah Dresser

Guests: Phil Prinzivalli Urban Forestry Committee Member
Nikki Chung, Europa MccGovern, Deborah Brown, Alison Filosa

2. Administration

a. Approval of minutes

The June CAC minutes were tabled until the next CAC meeting.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Barrick returned a water tank bought with the TD Grant and now the CAC has \$228.65 available to spend. Boyle suggested buying stake sides or rearview mirrors for the GEM.

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. Alison Filosa said she is interested in becoming a member.

e. City Clerk Swearing in – Status!

Balbuena will confirm Eberle finished the swearing in process.

3. Site Plan Reviews

a. Site Plan updates

- i) 35-37 Broad Street – Planning Board declared Lead Agency
- ii) 640 Broadway – Attending July 18 Planning Board meeting
- iii) Steelways & City Easement Agreement – No update

4. CAC Priority Projects

a. LWRP Update (Thomas)

City Council will discuss an amendment to the LWRP at their next meeting.

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

Barrick will follow up with Scenic Hudson and Thomas to complete the NRI.

c. Green infrastructure

i) Solarize Newburgh Update

Deborah Brown gave an overview of Solarize Hudson Valley. The program helps residents and business owners with free solar assessments of their property. There are three upcoming meetings on: July 20, July 26, and August 12. She said the program ends on September 1. Fulton will call Ebenezer Church to inform them of the meetings.

ii) Storage Solution for GEM

Barrick will clarify with SUNY staff to see whether the GEM can be stored in the SUNY parking lot.

iii) Tree Issues/ Citizen Requests

(1) Urban Forestry

Fulton and Boyle will attend the Urban Forestry Conference on July 13. Barrick will verify if he can attend.

(2) High Risk Trees List

A request to plant 2 trees in Nott Place will be discussed at the next CAC meeting.

Boyle will go over the trees list with Prinzivalli after the meeting.

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

Fred Fetter, Arborist, says the trees are in great condition and Boyle suggested to wait until Fall to begin planting.

v) Parks – No update

vi) Community Education Report – No update

vii) Climate Smart Community – No update

d. CAC Website Update Status

Tabled until the next meeting.

e. 2017 Hudson River Estuary Grants for Local Stewardship Planning – Update

The CAC members declined to apply for the grant.

5. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water – No update

b. Newburgh Water Front Updates

o Waterfront Trail – No update

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

Boyle requested Scenic Hudson to revisit their initial designs for South Street Parking because of the new developments along the waterfront.

c. Energy-related issues – No update

6. New Business

Barrick was hired for the new Floor Culture Program at SUNY Orange and will engage the community by planting flowers in vacant tree pits around Newburgh. He will contact the Davey Resource group to see if the public can gain access to view the current tree locations.

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

o July 13-15 NY State Urban Forestry Conference

o July 20 Solar Meeting (Deborah Brown will confirm location)

- **July 26** **Solar workshop (Building adjacent to “2 Alices Coffee Lounge” at 6:30 p.m.)**
- **August 12** **Vegan Food Festival (Delano Hitch Park)**

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY (Balbuena)

- Boyle, Barrick and Prinzivalli will determine what accessory to buy for the GEM
- Balbuena will check the posting of the CAC vacancy on the City website
- Boyle will follow up with Filosa regarding the CAC vacancy
- Barrick will collaborate with Hudson Valley Regional Counsel to finish the NRI
- Barrick will contact the Davey Resource group to see if the public can gain access to view the current tree locations and to obtain the locations of the current tree pits
- Fulton will call Ebenezer to inform them of the Solar meetings
- Fulton and Boyle will attend the Urban Forestry Conference. Barrick will confirm his attendance.
- Boyle will call Fred Fetter and George Garrison, the DPW Superintendent, to delay the planting of the over-wintered trees.
- Boyle and Prinzivalli will review the high risk trees list after the meeting

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Kippy Boyle

Motion Seconded: Marcel Barrick

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	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	
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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