

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Karen McCarthy
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Conservation Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting July 7, 2016 – 6:30pm

1. Roll Call

Present: Kippy Boyle, Phil Prinzivalli, Chuck Thomas, Gail Fulton
Karen McCarthy, Deborah Dresser, Eliana Diaz (Secretary)

Excused:

Guest: Marcel Barrick, Manager Downing Park Greenhouse Project,
Saul Brown

2. Approval of minutes from June 2, 2016

Motion by Deborah Dresser to approve minutes from June 2nd with appropriate corrections

Motion Seconded: Kippy Boyle

The motion unanimously passed

3. Budget Report/Invoices:

Nothing has changed significantly in the budget, Deborah will email the budget report to the members of the council.

- a. Tree Inventory Software Renewal: The Council needs to find out when the software is due to renew, what the cost will be and what the difference in cost for mobile licensing is. It was mentioned that having DPW in charge of the tree inventory would be the best way to have them monitor the inventory as well.
- b. Water vehicle: The grant the CAC has been awarded only covers for \$9,500. The vehicle of first choice is \$14,000 which means the CAC will have to cover the difference, this is not of big concern since there are funds available to cover the difference. These funds could be allocated from the shade tree budget. Chuck would like to review the grant before we purchase the vehicle, in the meantime we are waiting for feedback from Corporation Counsel as well.

4. Site Plan Reviews:

Mid Broadway Site CAC letter to Planning Board for Public Hearing – The wording for the letter is being revised, there are certain recommendations that need to be highlighted in the letter for example; only low flow toilets are to be installed in the units and Energy Star dishwasher units. Chuck will email everyone the revisions made and circulate them to the members of the CAC.

5. Old Business

a) LWRP Update:

Members of the Planning Board, CAC, Planning & Development and Chad representing Engineering sat as part of a group in the LWRP meeting. From the discussion held at the meeting comments are to be submitted by 07/8/16. Kippy pointed out that section 2 of the LWRP pertains specifically to the CAC. A discussion was held regarding LWRP deadlines, these deadlines must be met before the LWRP is approved, the previous LWRP is outdated.

b) Open Space/NRI:

The NRI is still being worked on.

c) TD Bank Green Streets Grant:

Deborah has to check with precision pipeline to make sure trees will not be destroyed, she will be in touch with Joe from Devitts.

d) Newburgh Waterfront Updates:

Kippy will send an email to the engineering department & the City Planner to update and respond via email to the following topics. These updates will be attached to become part of the minutes. For the purpose of this meeting chuck read the updates.

i. Newburgh Landing Rehabilitation/Design

See attached document

ii. South Street Park

See attached document

iii. Fishing Pier

See attached document

iv. People's Park

See attached document

e) Revise By-Laws to include more members

Marcel has invited citizens to join our meetings. Deborah wants to have clarifications of what the CAC does, what discussions are held, and what is required for a subcommittee. It was stated that items which have a deadline for next year could be delegated to a subcommittee. It was agreed that a separate meeting was needed to outline the needs and expectations of the CAC and its members. Deborah will set up a doodle to have dates picked out for a meeting in August. A copy of the bylaws is to be circulated to the members of the board. In addition Marcel is to forward a link with information Saul Brown will provide him which contains options that can be implemented to the CAC.

f) Sidewalk and street Tree Pit Standards and Specifications:

There are no updates on this topic

6. New Business

i. Drinking Water Watershed – There are no updates on this topic

ii. Anchoring Barges in Newburgh Bay – A proposal has been put for the Hudson River to anchor outside the water. Engineering stated that it was in purview of the City Managers to permit such action. Kippy would like to see a visual and have a map, Phil is concerned of what will be stored in the barges.

- iii. **Consolidated Letter** – As a council if a letter is being sent everyone should be informed and details need to be clarified. It was stated that in order to have a true impact on the Con Iron Site the NRI needed to be finalized. Chuck is to forward Marcel information on the NRI and what has been the progress so far.

7. Subcommittee Reports

- a. **Urban Forestry** - There are no updates on this topic
- i. **DPW trees & stump removals** - There are no updates on this topic
 - ii. **Citizen Requests: 427 First St, Clinton St., Renwick St.** - There are no updates on this topic
 - iii. **2 new tulip trees planted on Washington St. by neighbors** - There are no updates on this topic
 - iv. **Over-wintered trees – planting plans?** Due to water restrictions no plantings have been done.
 - v. **Public Parks**
 1. **Tyrone Crabb** - Councilwoman Mejia wants to replace a tree in the park, phil will research plans and obtain information for the tree.
 2. **Downing Park – urban forestry update?** There are no updates on this topic
- **Other Site Visits**

8. Ongoing Environmental Concerns

There are no updates on this topic

9. Calendar of Upcoming Events

- a. **July 15-16 NYS Urban Forestry Conference Skidmore College** – Kippy will make presentation about TD grant, Laurence has sent maps, she will only need help organizing.
- b. July 15 – Downing Park Planning Committee annual _____
- c. September 22 – Re-Leaf Region 3 Workshop – Kaplan Hall

10. May Volunteer Hours

Any volunteer hours must be reported to Kippy.

Motion to Adjourn: **Karen McCarthy**

Motion Seconded: **Gail Fulton**

Vote: **Unanimously Approved**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Project Reviews by CAC in 2016

198 South Robinson Ave. Special Use Permit comments to PB	Mid Broadway Project – Mill Street Partners
39A-B Johnston Street- Site Plan Rural Ulster Preservation Company (RUPCO)	
2 Nicoll Street- Mike Starace	

Project Reviews by CAC in 2015

First St. Fishing Pier; Comments to	Habitat Newburgh- Ann St. at Johnston, four
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Engineering 6/8/15	units; CAC ltr 9/04/15
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	

Project Reviews by CAC in 2014

Shell Gas Station (405 Bway)	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.