

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Chuck Thomas, Chairman

Marcel Barrick

Kippy Boyle

Deborah Dresser

Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Gail Fulton

Alison Filosa



Conservation Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting July 5, 2018 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

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

Guests: David E. Church

2. Source Water Protection Grant – David Church

David E. Church, Executive Director of the Orange County Water Authority, appeared before the Board. He gave a brief overview of the Orange County Water Authority's Hudson River Estuary Grant Program application and said the purpose is to establish a sustainable coalition to support the protection of the Newburgh Area Water Supply Watershed. He said the newly formed coalition will establish long-term mechanisms for coordination between municipalities on watershed and water supply issues and membership will be open to those who have an interest in the watershed including individuals, families, organizations, businesses and local governments. He requested the support of the CAC.

Thomas said a public educational program should be implemented to help the public understand the importance of our watersheds.

Dresser moved to write a letter of support for the Source Water Protection Grant

McCarthy seconded the motion

The motion unanimously passed.

3. Administration

a. Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2018

The June minutes were approved.

Motion by: Marcel Barrick

Seconded by: Gail Fulton

The motion unanimously passed.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Dresser said the CAC has \$5,365.97 left in the budget.

Boyle said the DPW has been reimbursed for the soil from Tantillo's.

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 said the LWRP update is currently under a legal review by the New York Department of State and it would take approximately six weeks to complete.

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

No update.

c. Urban Forestry

i) Tree/Sidewalks Conflict Solutions

Boyle said Fred Fetter, Arborist, did several on-site inspections and submitted the findings to the Department of Public Works ("DPW"). She said the trees that can be removed will be marked with an "X"

ii) Parks –Park Conservancy Meeting

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

iii) Community Education Report

Barrick submitted an invoice for the Monarch Waystation Sign, he said the Newburgh Clean Water Project is going to do Watershed Tours and will eventually hold a "Water Salon" to provide water information to the public.

d. S. William Street \$50,000 Grant Progress Report

Boyle commended the Grants Administrator, Helen Reilly, and said the City Council presentation is on August 9, 2018. She said the work session is a good opportunity to showcase the grant progress.

e. CAC Presentation to Council DEC Grant T00443G

Dresser is working on the PowerPoint presentation.

f. CAC Website Update

No Update

6. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water

Barrick said there are numerous lawsuits ongoing and open communications between the Municipalities, State and Federal Government have slowed down.

He said the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry ("ATSDR") report found that 70 parts per trillion of PFAS (including PFOS) is too high, it said 14 parts per trillion is considered an "acceptable" level and both PFAS and PFOS are additive when reaching the acceptable threshold.

b. Newburgh Water Front Updates

o Waterfront Trail –

Boyle said she met with the CDBG Director, Ellen Fillo, the Building Inspector, William Horton and the Superintendent of Public Works, George Garrison and Thomas at the People's Waterfront park to review site work. She said DPW will clean the site on Monday.

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

c. Energy-related issues – No Update

7. New Business

a. Downing Park Greenhouse Area/Urban Farm/BOCES summer program

McCarthy said the BOCES program has begun with children of different ages participating.

b. 2018 - Treekeeper Renewal

Thomas said the Treekeeper renewal should be added to the budget. He said the two renewal options are:

3-year renewal - \$6,250.00

5-year renewal - \$10,000.00

c. CAC Donation Form

CAC members agreed to change the name of the "Shade Tree Donation" line to "Urban Forestry Donation" on the CAC Donation Form. Dresser said that Habitat for Humanity should be reimbursed for planting a tree in memory of Robert Dresser.

d. 2019 Budget Timeline and Budget Hearings

CAC members received hardcopies of the Budget timeline and hearings for review.

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

- 7/6 Parks Conservancy Meeting
- 7/21 Recognizing Habitats Workshop
- 7/20 Budget Expense worksheet submitted to Comptroller
- 7/26 Annual Statewide ReLeaf Conference
- 7/20 Budget Personnel worksheets submitted to Comptroller

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR JULY (Balbuena)

- CAC members will send Thomas comments on the Source Water Protection Grant
- Balbuena will send 27 S. Water Street application to Boyle for research
- McCarthy, Boyle, Alison will send park updates to Thomas/Boyle
- Reminder that CAC will present a project for the City Council on August 9, Dresser will forward PowerPoint presentation to Balbuena
- Barrick and Alison will count tree pits along Broadway
- Balbuena to update CAC donation form with Robert Dresser Donation in 2014

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	5/3	2 Nicoll Street
2/1	5 Scobie Drive		
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