

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 August 2, 2018 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

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

Excused: Deborah Dresser

Guests: Mario Peralta
Marianne Marichal
Holly Fuller
Joseph A. Bonura

The site plan review/presentation for 120 Front Street was moved forward on the agenda.

2. Site Plan Reviews

a. 120 Front Street

Joseph Bonura, Property Owner, and Holly Fuller appeared before the CAC. Mr. Bonura gave a brief overview of the project and highlighted the following:

- The previously approved site plan (for catering facility) was not implemented because of workforce-related issues
- Outdoor eating area proposed to replace previous catering area
- Kitchen area with bathrooms will be constructed on a portion of the existing parking lot
- Outdoor tables and chairs will be added
- Sufficient parking spaces available for use despite reduction of parking area
- No change to existing eating area
- 10 foot high stone retaining walls erected for security
- Submitted application to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals

Alison confirmed the existing Hudson River Setback is 12 feet.

Thomas said groundwater runoff is a concern.

Boyle confirmed that new construction will be on the existing blacktop and the Owner intends to install pavers.

The CAC reviewed the CAF and noted questions 2(h) and 4 on the Coastal Assessment Form (“CAF”) should be answered “yes”.

The CAC voted to submit a comment letter to the Planning Board by August 21, 2018.

Motion by: Karen McCarthy

Seconded by: Alison Filosa

The motion unanimously passed.

3. Administration

a. Approval of Minutes from July 5, 2018

The July minutes were approved.

Motion by: Marcel Barrick

Seconded by: Gail Fulton

The motion unanimously passed.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Boyle said she will send out additional budget items to update the budget request.

c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours

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

4. 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 two more weeks to complete.

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

No update.

c. Urban Forestry

i) Tree/Sidewalks Conflict Solutions

Mario Peralta, Property Owner of 62 Grove Street, appeared before the CAC. Peralta said a tree used to be planted on the sidewalk of 62 Grove Street but was removed several years ago. He requested the assistance of the CAC to plant a new tree in front of his building. He said the intent is to prevent illegal parking on the sidewalk.

The CAC said they would have to review the proposed tree and site location; and informed Peralta to contact the Parking Violations Bureau and the Transportation, Traffic & Parking Committee to address the parking situation.

ii) Parks – Park Conservancy Meeting

McCarthy and Fulton will attend the next meeting on August 3, 2018.

iii) Community Education Report

No update.

d. 2019 Budget Timeline and Budget Worksheets

i) 2018 – Treekeeper renewal

Boyle said funding for two (2) tablets should be added to the budget. She said reduced pricing options for the Treekeeper renewal will be forwarded.

Dresser was not available to review the 2019 proposed budget and the review was tabled.

e. CAC Presentation to Council for DEC Grant T00443G

Boyle and McCarthy will give a presentation to the City Council on August 9, 2018

f. CAC Website Update

i) CAC Donation Form

Balbuena will send a digital copy of the Donation Form to the CAC for review and update the location of the DEC Demonstration Project video link on the website.

5. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water

Barrick said the Newburgh Clean Water project submitted a grant to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for education and outreach in order to fund the “Watershed Tour” and “Water Salon.”

b. Newburgh Water Front Updates

- **Waterfront Trail –**
- **South Street Parking; Fishing Pier & First Street Walkway/ Newburgh Landing Restoration**

Boyle said she will draft a letter for the City requesting the clarification of the property lines, property titles/deeds and survey reports.

c. Energy-related issues – No Update

6. New Business

a. 2019 ReLeaf State Conference WILL be in our DEC Region 3

b. Town of Newburgh and Town of New Windsor Projects

Barrick said there are several proposed projects under review by the Town of Newburgh and the Town of New Windsor. He gave a brief overview of those projects and highlighted the following:

- Proposed retail development adjacent to Patton Brook in the Town of Newburgh, which feeds into Washington Lake. He said the sewage will be treated by the City of Newburgh treatment plant.
- The Town of New Windsor is requiring an environmental impact study for a proposed facility in which up to 150,000 tons of garbage annually would be converted into fuel.
- A new natural gas power plant is proposed at Danskammer’s 180-acre property off River Road. He said the plant would be running year round.

Barrick will draft a comment letter for review and will forward it to the respective Planning Boards in the Town of Newburgh and the Town of New Windsor for consideration.

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

- 8/4 Park Conservancy Meeting
- 8/4 Newburgh Ferry for the Wall that Heals and the Newburgh Symphony
- 8/5 Newburgh Ferry for the Wall that Heals and the Newburgh Symphony
- 8/9 CAC Presentation to Council for DEC Grant T00443G
- 8/20 “SEQR Basics” Workshop in Newburgh
- 8/21 City of Newburgh Planning Board meeting

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR AUGUST (Balbuena)

- Balbuena will send a digital copy of the Donation Form to the CAC for review and update the location of the DEC Demonstration Project video link on the website.
- Boyle, Filosa, Barrick will forward the invoice for the Habitat and Water Resource Assessment Course
- Boyle will forward reduced pricing options for Treekeeper renewal
- CAC will submit the comment letter for 120 Front Street to the Planning Board by the next Planning Board meeting on August 21, 2018
- Boyle will draft a letter for the City requesting the clarification of the property lines, property titles/deeds and survey reports.
- Barrick will draft a comment letter for review and will forward it to the respective Planning Boards in the Town of Newburgh and the Town of New Windsor for consideration.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Marcel Barrick

Motion Seconded: Gail Fulton

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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PROJECT REVIEWS*

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