

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Council Members:

Chuck Thomas, Chair

Marcel Barrick

Kippy Boyle

Deborah Dresser

Gail Fulton

Karen McCarthy

Phil Prinzivalli



Minutes of Meeting October 6, 2016 – 6:30pm

1. **Roll Call:** All Present
Eliana Diaz (Absent)

Guest: Joshua Brown, Henry Street

2. Administration

a. **Approval of Minutes from September 1, 2016**

Unanimous Vote to Table

b. **Monthly Financial Report:**

General Account: \$ 8,576.00

Donations: \$ 994.84

Motion by Karen McCarthy: Approve \$6,500 unencumbered towards GEM electric vehicle,
and move funds to equipment/maintenance.

Motion Seconded: Deborah Dresser

Vote: Unanimously Approved

c. **Manager's 2017 Budget:**

Eliana to distribute CAC Page

d. **Volunteer Hours reminder**

e. **Newburgh City Council Approved Chuck Thomas as Chair & Marcel Barrick for CAC**

3. Site Plan Reviews:

- a. **Steelways Inc. David Plotkin, Pietrzek & PFAU Questions about status of CAC recommendations letter.** Under review by City Staff & Planning. Get a copy of the EIS Short Form
- b. **9W Gas Station Landscaping** – City Staff/Planning will let us know if there's a deadline

4. CAC Priority Projects

- a. **LWRP Update (Chuck):** As part of the approval process, on 9/28 BFJ (Sarah Yakel) made a brief. PowerPoint presentation at the Library. The public turnout was low, and there was confusion about the project since the PowerPoint couldn't be enlarged on the screen. There were excellent large project maps on tripods at the back of the room. Chuck volunteered to move them to Council Chambers for better public viewing. Discussed summary of LWRP and need for Spanish translation.

- I. BFJ agreed to send the file for large format printing by GIS.
 - II. Agreed that a second public presentation might be necessary.
 - III. BFJ & Planning will schedule the next LWRP meeting.
 - b. **NRI/Open Space (Chuck/Marcel):** No update
 - c. **Green Infrastructure**
 - I. **TD Bank Green Streets Grant (Deborah), Kippy)**
Update on Planting Schedule & October 15 Celebration
 - II. **GEM Polaris utility vehicle**
Working with Comptroller's office, resolved funding the balance owed above the allotted Grant amount.
 - III. **Citizen Requests / Discussion of list of recommended vendors**
 - 1. 267 Liberty
 - 2. 292 Liberty
 - 3. 367 N. Montgomery
 - 4. 44 Valley Ave
 - 5. 157 Robinson
 - 6. 14 Hillcrest
 - 7. Clinton Park
 - 8. 24 City Terrace North
 - 9. Regal Bag Property
 - 10. 10 Henry Street request for two ornamentals
 - IV. **Fall Planting** Six trees at Downing Park ready to plant
Contact Fred Fetter. Can we afford to pay him in 2016?
 - V. **9/22 Re-leaf Workshop at Kaplan Hall featuring City of Newburgh**
5. **On-going natural resource/environmental concerns/updates (if any)**
- a. **Drinking Water: 9/19 public meeting report**
 - b. **Solarize Newburgh;** CAC will support, but cannot take the lead. Interested community members will hopefully step forward.
 - c. **Waterfront Updates:**
 - I. **Trail** – officially opened on 9/24
 - II. **South St Park/Fishing Pier/Newburgh Landing** – no updates
 - d. **Coast Guard Barge Anchorage** – comments deadline December 6
 - e. **Pilgrim Pipeline** – no updates
6. **New Business**
- a. **Presentation by Joshua Brown on 2017 Community Tree Planting** – Joshua proposes a new means for community involvement in trees. Use of social media, accessing larger audience. He agreed to give a 'brown bag' presentation to CAC on October 26 at 12:30 at the Shelter House. CAC very enthusiastic about fresh ideas including setting goals for planting, development of maintenance and tree standards and an Instagram show us your tree project for interest and awareness,
- Motion to Adjourn:** Karen McCarthy
Motion Seconded: Gail Fulton
Vote: **Unanimously Approved**