

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Council Members:

Chuck Thomas, Chair

Genie Abrams

Alison Filosa

Gail Fulton

Robert Sanchez

Andrew Murphy

Ronald Zorrilla



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Minutes of Meeting

October 4, 2021

6:30 p.m. – Zoom Videoconference

- **Roll Call**

Present: Chuck Thomas, Chairperson, Genie Abrams, Gail Fulton, Andrew Murphy, Robert Sanchez, Ronald Zorrilla, J.K. Gentile, (Secretary)

Absent: Alison Filosa, Dave Eylers

Meeting called to order 6:34pm

- **Administration**

- Approval of Minutes from September
Minutes tabled for all Members to review.
- Arborist Report
- Tabled for next meeting.
- Arborist 5 Year Plan review
Tabled for next meeting.
- Monthly Financial Report
The Chairperson accepted the budget as presented.
- Monthly Volunteer Hours
Spreadsheet reviewed and updated.
- CAC Web Page Revisions/updates
Reviewed for suggested aesthetic modifications.

- **Council Membership Terms**
The Chairperson, Andrew Murphy, Ronald Zorrilla and Robert Sanchez due to renew their terms November 2021.
New nominations will be presented to vote on at the November 2021 meeting.
Genie Abrams will be retiring December 31, 2021.
Ms. Abrams said that Mr. Ali Muhammad is interested in filling the open seat.
- **2022 Budget Request**
The Chairperson reviewed how many trees are projected to plant in 2022.
The estimated cost per tree/\$500. Total of 80 trees to be planted in 2022/20 trees per ward.
The Chairperson reviewed the budget for Consultant Services totaling \$25,000/
\$2,083 per month.
Ms. Abrams clarified the inquiry from the City Manager regarding the Environmental Justice Fellowship Grant. The Chairperson reviewed: \$1,400- for each 4 Fellows./ \$8,000-purchase trees: 16 trees @ \$500. each, 4 trees in each ward / \$1,400 administration, including supervision and expenses.

- **Old Business**

- **Tree Ordinance and the Tree Work Application and Permit**
Genie Abrams said both are currently being reviewed by the Assistant Corporate Council.
Versions will be available for approval at the next CAC meeting.
The Tree Ordinance will then be presented for public hearing at a City Council meeting.
- **CAC Street Tree Plantings**
The current budget is \$12,233.00
Genie Abrams said the sub-committee is working on locating sites to plant.
Once that is final, DPW needs to mark the utility lines.
Next step is to coordinate with DPW and Dave Eylers.

- **On-going Updates:**

- **Restoration Advisory Council /Stewart Air National Guard Water Project**
Meeting scheduled 10/28/21 to vote on the Council becoming a Board.
- **Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space)**
The Chairperson and Ronald Zorrilla met 10/4/21. They are scheduled to meet again 10/27/21
- **LWRP Update –**
The Chairperson said no new reports.

Calendar of Upcoming events (webinars, training, community events)

- 10-12-21 City Council Meeting
- 10-12-21 Architectural Review Commission Meeting
- 10-19--21 Planning Board Meeting
- 10-25-21 City Council Meeting
- 10-26-21 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Genie Abrams made Motion to Adjourn

Ronald Zorrilla seconded

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting concluded 7:33pm