

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Council Members:

Chuck Thomas, Chair

Gail Fulton

Robert Sanchez

Andrew Murphy

Ronald Zorrilla



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Minutes of Meeting

January 10, 2022

6:30 p.m. – Zoom Videoconference

- **Roll Call**

Present: Chuck Thomas, Chairperson, Robert Sanchez, Ronald Zorrilla, J.K. Gentile, (Secretary)

Guests: Kelly Boling, Ali Muhummad

Absent: Gail Fulton, Andrew Murphy, Dave Eylers

Meeting called to order 6:37pm

- **Administration**

- Approval of Minutes from December 2021.
Tabled for next meeting.
- Monthly Financial Report
Review of 2021 final budget and expenses.
Review of 2022 budget.
- Environmental Justice Program
The Chairperson, Mr. Zorrilla and Ms. Lawrence scheduled a meeting via Zoom 1/13/22 to discuss plans for 2022.
- 2022 Tree Planting
Budget includes 80 tree plantings (this number does not include the 20 tree plantings with the Environmental Justice Program).

- Tree City USA / Arbor Day Foundation grant 2021
The money supported a tree maintenance project. Save A Tree was hired to take down 25 high risk trees.
- Arborist Report
Tabled for next meeting.
The Chairperson is awaiting an end of year summary for review with CAC members.
- **Old Business**
 - Christmas Tree Recycling Program w/DPW January 8, 2022.
Mr. Sanchez gave a summary of event. He said it was a great success, recycled 47 trees.
Mr. Zorrilla shared photos from the event with the Council.
 - Arborist 5 Year Plan review
Tabled for next meeting.
 - Storage Space for the CAC Supplies
Mr. Sanchez discussed requesting a space to store supplies from the City
- **New Business**
 - RFQ for Arborist.
(2) RFQ's will go out for arborists. Work to include: updates to the tree surveys, citizen's query's and oversight of the tree plantings.
The Chairperson and Mr. Sanchez to work on a draft for circulation to CAC members.
 - CAC Sub-Committees:
 - o Natural Resource Inventory
 - o Tree Committee
 - o LWRP
 - o River Front Committee
 - CAC Meeting Date
The Chairperson proposed changing the CAC meeting day to the first Monday of the month. Secretary to follow up regarding the protocol.
 - CAC –Reconstitute the Board
The Chairperson said to begin thinking about re-appointment of the Chairperson and Vice-Chair positions and to consider appointing a designated member as Treasurer.
- **On-going Updates:**
 - Restoration Advisory Board/Stewart Air National Guard Water Project
The Chairperson said there are 2 open seats for the Board and 4 candidates.
Meeting 1/28/22 to discuss.
The Chairperson gave an update of the clean-up progress.
Encourages the CAC members to attend, Board meets 4 times a year.

- Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space)
The Chairperson and Ronald Zorrilla continue to work together.
Mr. Zorrilla said it was suggested to recruit 3 members as a sub-committee to focus on the inventory. Mr. Zorrilla said he could chair the sub-committee.
Kelly Morris, Orange County Planning Department, the Orange County Department of Water Authority and Orange County Land Trust are interested in assisting the project with providing maps.
- LWRP Update –
The Chairperson gave a history of how the plan was locally adopted.
The draft plan is on the CAC web page for review.
Parks include: South Street Park, Ward Brothers Park and Quassaick Creek Water Trail.

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

- 01-10-22 City Council Meeting
- 01-11-22 Architectural Review Commission Meeting
- 01-17-22 Martin Luther King Day –Day of Service 8am on Ann Street and William Street.
- 01-18-22 Planning Board Meeting
- 01-24-22 City Council Meeting
- 01-25-22 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Ronald Zorrilla made Motion to Adjourn

Robert Sanchez seconded

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting concluded 7:45pm.