

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Chuck Thomas, Chair

Gail Fulton

Robert Sanchez

Andrew Murphy

Ronald Zorrilla



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Minutes of Meeting

February 7 2022

6:30 p.m. – Zoom Videoconference

- **Roll Call**

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

Guests: Kelly Boling, Jennifer Bridges, Marianne Marichal

Meeting called to order 6:35pm

- **Administration**

- Approval of Minutes from December 2021 and January 2022 accepted as written.
- Monthly Financial Report
Review of 2022 budget and received tree donations.
- Vote to change the CAC Meeting day from 2nd Monday of the month to 1st Monday
Mr. Sanchez made a motion to change the meeting day to 1st Monday of the month.
Mr. Zorrilla seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.
- Volunteer Hours
Google spreadsheet created for 2022 and updated to reflect Council Members hours for January and February.

- **Old Business**

- Arborist 5 Year Plan review
Tabled for next meeting.
- Environmental Justice Fellows Program
Mr. Zorrilla said looking to recruit (4) new fellows this year. 40 tree plantings will begin in April, 10 trees per ward.

- **New Business**

- RFQ's for Arborist.
1 RFQ -manage citizen tree comments, maintain tree inventory and maintain 5-year plan
1 RFQ -advise, support and oversight of tree plantings and collaborate with Environmental Justice Fellows
Mr. Sanchez had a conversation with George Profeus and he assured that the CAC had the points for the application. The Chairperson and Mr. Sanchez to arrange a meeting to review and draft versions.
- CAC Sub-Committees:
 - **Natural Resource Inventory**
-Mr. Zorrilla
 - **Tree Planting Committee**
-Mr. Sanchez
-Mr. Boling
 - **LWRP**
-Mr. Boling
-Mr. Muhammad
-Marianne Marichal
-The Chairperson
- CAC –Reconstitute the Board
 - **Incoming Chairperson**
-Mr. Zorrilla
 - **Vice-Chair**
-Mr. Sanchez
 - **Treasurer**
-Mr. Murphy

- **On-going Updates:**

- Restoration Advisory Board/Stewart Air National Guard Water Project
A meeting took place in the week of January 31st. Newburgh is part of a national blood test study. 300 residents will be randomly selected for testing and their results will be compared with the national pool. No time has been determined yet for the Washington Lake clean up.

- Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space)
Mr. Zorrilla and The Chairperson are working with Scenic Hudson River City Program and a meeting will be scheduled in early March with the DEC and Cornell University.
- LWRP Update
The Secretary to schedule a Zoom meeting between The Chairperson and Mr. Boling.

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

- 02-08-22 Architectural Review Commission Meeting
- 02-09-22 Transportation Advisory Commission
- 02-14-22 City Council Meeting
- 02-15-22 Planning Board Meeting
- 02-22-22 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- 02-28-22 City Council Meeting

Ronald Zorrilla made Motion to Adjourn

Gail Fulton seconded

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting concluded 7:45pm.