

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

April 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: Chad Wade, George Profous, Kelly Boling, Marianne Marichal, Kippy Boyle, Kathy Lawrence

Meeting called to order 6:34pm

- **New Business**

- Chad Wade, Asst. City Engineer –discussion prior to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Sidewalk Infrastructure Tour.
Mr. Wade spoke about the need for this walking tour to show the functions of ADA curb ramps and traffic circles, show the functions of tree plantings, bioswales, soil matrix, permeable pavers. These designs serve a function as well as add to the city's aesthetics.
The re-construction of the sidewalks at Liberty Street and Broadway and Broadway and Grand were part of two separate Federal aid programs. Further sidewalk re-construction scheduled for the Spring 2023.
- George Profous presentation and Q & A
Mr. Profous spoke about the proper preparation involved in tree planting.

- South Stret Park clean-up-May 7, 2022, 10am-2pm. Council member, Giselle Martinez, to sponsor event for insurance purposes.
- Broadway tree pits and new tree plantings –The Chairperson to meet with DPW/George Garrison to discuss DEC grant
- CAC wins Tree City USA for 17th year in a row
- Hudson River Estuary Watershed –Grant Opportunity for Training and Assistance – deadline to submit application 4/17/22.
- **Administration**
 - Approval of Minutes from March 2022 accepted as written
 - Monthly Financial Report
 - Volunteer Hours
 - CAC re-appointments, with consideration to appoint:
 - Ronald Zorrilla as Chairperson
 - Robert Sanchez as Vice Chairperson
 - Andrew Murphy as Treasurer
 All appointments subject to City Council approval
- **Old Business**
 - RFP for an Arborist
The need to submit soon is imperative.
 - Environmental Justice Fellows Program
Mr. Zorrilla and Kathy Lawrence said they are in receipt of 8 applications.
Interviews have started and fellows will be selected next week.
- **On-going Updates:**
 - Restoration Advisory Board/Stewart Air National Guard Water Project
The Chairperson gave a brief update on status.
 - Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space)
Mr. Zorrilla gave a brief update on status.

- LWRP Update
No current updates.

- **Calendar of Upcoming events (webinars, training, community events)**
 - 04-05-22 Equitable Brownfields Redevelopment Webinar 11:30 – 2:30pm
 - 04-11-22 City Council Meeting
 - 04-12-22 Architectural Review Commission Meeting
 - 04-14-22 TAC Sidewalk Infrastructure Tour
5:30pm, location -Liberty Street and Broadway
 - 04-17-22 Hudson River Estuary Watershed –Grant Opportunity application deadline
 - 04-19-22 Planning Board Meeting
 - 04-23-22 The Garden Club of Orange and Dutchess County
“Olmstead Exhibit” at Downing Park
 - 04-25-22 City Council Meeting
 - 04-26-22 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
 - 04-29-22 Arbor Day -honoring Fred Fetter

Gail Fulton made Motion to Adjourn

Andrew Murphy seconded

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting concluded 8:20pm.