

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

May 2, 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: Kathy Lawrence, Marianne Marichal, Kippy Boyle, George Profous

Meeting called to order 6:34pm

Arbor Day Planting Event on Broadway CAC video

- **Environmental Justice Fellowship Update - Marichen Montiel Hertling**

Ms. Hertling, Senior Fellow, gave an update on Environmental Justice Fellowship (EJF).

On May 7, 2022, the EJF's planted 14 trees at the St. Patrick's cemetery.

This effort was funded by the Greater Newburgh Parks Conservancy.

- **New Business**

- Review CAC Sub-Committees and responsibilities

- 1. Natural Resource Inventory -Ronald Zorrilla to Chair

- 2. Urban Forestry Committee -Robert Sanchez to Chair

- 3. LWRP -Chuck Thomas to Chair

- CAC Facebook Group
Mr. Zorrilla to maintain as a tool to share conservation information, share events and recruit volunteers. The Group will observe the Open Meetings Law.

- **Administration**

- Monthly Financial Report -review of CAC budget.
- Volunteer Hours -Mr. Sanchez spoke on the importance of tracking all CAC volunteer hours.
- CAC member candidates for Council
The Chairperson said Kelly Boling has withdrawn his application to the CAC due to conflict of interest.
- Tree Planting Supplies
Council discussed protocol for ordering supplies.
- CAC Storage Space
The Chairperson spoke to Downing Park Planning Committee, need to schedule a visit to assess available space.

- **Old Business**

- RFQ for an Arborist
Mr. Sanchez said 4 responses have been received and there is a scheduled meeting with the comptroller's office 5/3/22 to discuss.

- **On-going Updates:**

- Restoration Advisory Board/Stewart Air National Guard Water Project
The Chairperson gave a brief update on the progress of water filtration. He said the Board is in discussion of the proper way to remove the filtered material. Currently the material is being incinerated.
- Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space)
Mr. Zorrilla said Ingrid from the DEC forwarded a grant opportunity that would assist in hiring a consultant to work through mapping details. The current maps available are 5-6 years old. The application is due June 1, 2022.

The Chairperson made a motion to apply for this grant.
Robert Sanchez seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

- LWRP Update
No current updates.
- **Calendar of Upcoming events (webinars, training, community events)**
 - 05-07-22 River Sweep – 10am – 2pm @ South Street Park
 - 05-07-22 EJP Tree Planting at St. Patrick’s Cemetery -Time 12pm
 - 05-07-22 Water Department Filtration Plant Tour 12-4pm @
CoN Water Filtration Plant
 - 05-9-22 City Council Meeting
 - 05-10-22 Architectural Review Commission Meeting
 - 05-11-22 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
 - 05-12-22 New York State Climate Action Council Public Hearing
regarding the NYS proposed Scoping Plan in Peekskill at 4pm
 - 05-11-22 DEC Webinar -Public Trees and Public Health 12pm
 - 05-17-22 Planning Board Meeting
 - 05-18-22 DEC Webinar -Telling Your Story and Power of Storytelling in
Grant applications 12pm
 - 05-23-22 City Council Meeting
 - 05-24-22 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Ronald Zorrilla made Motion to Adjourn
Gail Fulton seconded
The motion passed unanimously.
Meeting concluded 7:50pm.