

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

June 6, 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: Melissa Everett, Kathy Lawrence, Marianne Marichal, Ali Muhammad

Meeting called to order 6:33pm

- Schedule a site visit -135 Ellis Avenue
Date and Time determined: June 10, 2022 at 11:00am
- **Environmental Justice Fellowship Update**
 - Kathy Lawrence said the Arbor Day planting at St. Patrick's Cemetery was a great success. 13 trees were planted on the perimeter of Broadway, Prospect and First Street. Because the plantings were on private property and not along a sidewalk, large trees were chosen. The growth of these trees will provide a substantial amount of shade along the streets. The funds for this planting were provided by the Greater Newburgh Parks Conservancy.
At Newburgh Illuminated, June 4, 2022, the Environmental Justice Fellows participated in interacting with Newburgh citizens and community agencies. 70 surveys were completed from this outreach effort.
Mr. Zorrilla said Mr. Thomas Ching has been mentoring the Fellows.

- Melissa Everett / Sustainable Hudson Valley
Presented a slide show and overview of Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act – a 20-year decarbonization program.
- **New Business**
 - DEC Hudson River Estuary Grant for Local Stewardship Planning
Application submitted June 1, 2022. Results expected the Fall of 2022.
- **Administration**
 - Monthly Financial Report
Mr. Murphy developed a tracking sheet.
No current expenses to record.
 - Tree Ordinance and Permit status
No update to report on.
 - Volunteer Hours –tracking and reporting
Inquire if non-CAC members volunteer hours count towards grant.
 - CAC Storage Space
Mr. Murphy to inquire with RUPCO about possible available space.
 - Reschedule July's CAC Meeting (1st Monday falls on Independence Day
Meeting to be held July 5, 2022 at 6:30pm.
- **Old Business**
 - City Arborist RFQ
Meeting scheduled for June 21, 2022 @ 1pm with City Manager, City Comptroller's office and DPW. CAC in receipt of one letter of interest for the arborist position.
 - City Consulting Arborist RFQ
Position granted to David Eylers
- **On-going Updates**
 - Restoration Advisory Board /Stewart Air National Guard Water Project
The Chairperson said additional outreach is needed to acquire more citizens to be blood tested.

- LWRP Update – Locally Adopted on 7-10-17
No new updates.
- EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities
Mr. Zorrilla received a flyer looking for volunteers to place air-test equipment in their homes.
- **Calendar of Upcoming events (webinars, training, community events)**
 - 06-08-22 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
 - 06-08-22 Scenic Hudson River Natural Resources webinar
 - 06-13-22 City Council Meeting
 - 06-14-22 Architectural Review Council Meeting
 - 06-21-22 Planning Board Meeting
 - 06-28-22 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

Ronald Zorrilla made Motion to Adjourn

Gail Fulton seconded

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting concluded 8:03pm