

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Council Members:

Chuck Thomas, Chair

Betty Bastidas

Gail Fulton

Robert Sanchez

Andrew Murphy

Ronald Zorrilla



Conservation Advisory Council

Minutes of Meeting

September 6, 2022

6:30 p.m. – Zoom Videoconference

- **Roll Call**

Present: Chuck Thomas, Chairperson, Betty Bastidas (arrived 7:10 p.m.),
Gail Fulton, Robert Sanchez, Ronald Zorrilla

Also Present: Tallie Carter, Assistant Corporation Counsel
J.K. Gentile, Secretary

Absent: Andrew Murphy, Dave Eylers

Guests: Marianne Marichal, Kwaija McFarland

Meeting called to order 6:37pm

Environmental Justice Fellowship Update

- Kwaiju McFarland provided an update

Administration

- Consulting Arborist Report -Dave Eylers was not available to attend the meeting.
The Consulting Arborist Report tabled for next meeting.

The Chairperson spoke about protocol on citizen calls for tree assessment.

The Chairperson spoke about the significance of Ash Tree Treatment.

The Chairperson said that he and Mr. Sanchez had visited numerous Tree Nurseries.

The Chairperson spoke about the “new tree planting for watering list”.

- Approval of August 2022 minutes
Ronald Zorrilla made a motion to approve the August 2022 minutes.
Gail Fulton seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.
- Monthly Financial Report by Treasurer Andrew Murphy
Brief review of report.
The Consulting Arborist submitted his July invoice. The amount has been deducted from the budget line.
- Volunteer Hours -tracking and reporting
Mr. Zorrilla has updated the settings allowing for all members to access and upload their hours.
- 2023 CAC budget
Presentation to City Council members is scheduled for September 20, 2022 at 5:30, City Hall.
- CAC Member terms and appointments
Ms. Fulton position is due for reappointment November 30, 2022.
Ms. Bastidas (in acceptance of Genie Abrams position) is due for reappointment November 30, 2022
- In Person CAC Meeting
Next CAC meeting, October 3, 2022 will be held in person at the Heritage Center, 123 Grand Street, Newburgh
- Tree permit process and review -tabled for next meeting.

Old Business

- Citizen Pruner Workshop -Kippy Boyle not available to attend the meeting.

The Assistant Corporation Counsel gave an overview of event and workshop planning protocol.

New Business

- “Newburgh Climate Ready” Sub-Committee
Betty Bastidas to Chair the Sub-Committee
- Fall Tree Planting
Mr. Sanchez spoke about plans to plant 40+ trees on the North side of Broadway in the Fall of 2022. The Chairperson and Mr. Sanchez had a meeting with the DPW Supervisor 9/2/22 to discuss the implementation of the plan. He said that he and the Chairperson have plans to meet with Orange County Tree and Stone and Manza nurseries to begin the inventory of trees for purchase.

Projects

- NYS DOT ramps and sidewalks in the LWRP area
The Chairperson gave the Council an overview of the proposed project and reviewed the submitted Coastal Assessment Form.

The Chairperson made a motion to accept the Coastal Assessment Form as submitted.
Robert Sanchez seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

On-going Updates

- Restoration Advisory Board /Stewart Air National Guard Water Project
The Chairperson said he toured the Rec Pond area and witnessed the treatment process. He said their alternative treatment method is on the cutting edge of water treatment on a national level.
- Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Spaces)
Mr. Zorrilla said the grant submitted in June is scheduled to be awarded in November. If selected, the work will begin January 2023.
- LWRP Update – Locally Adopted on 7-10-17
No current update.
- EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities
No current updates.

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

- 9-12-22 City Council Meeting
- 9-13-22 Architectural Review Council Meeting
- 9-14-22 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
- 9-20-22 Planning Board Meeting
- 9-26-22 City Council Meeting
- 9-27-22 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- 9-30-22 ReLeaf Conference at Heritage Center 10am-1pm

Gail Fulton made Motion to Adjourn

Robert Sancez seconded

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting concluded 8:20pm