

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Council Members:

Chuck Thomas, Chair

Betty Bastidas

Gail Fulton

Robert Sanchez, Vice Chair

Andrew Murphy, Treasurer

Ronald Zorrilla, Incoming Chair



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Minutes of Meeting

October 3, 2022

6:30 p.m. – Heritage Center (123 Grand Street)

• Roll Call

Present: Chuck Thomas, Chairperson, Betty Bastidas (arrived 6:53 p.m.),
Gail Fulton, Andrew Murphy, Robert Sanchez, Ronald Zorrilla

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

Guests: Dave Eylers and Marianne Marichal

Meeting called to order 6:34 p.m.

Environmental Justice Fellowship Update

Tabled for next meeting.

Administration

• Consulting Arborist Report -Dave Eylers

The Consulting Arborist gave a report on the following:

1. Citizen calls status
2. Ash Tree Treatment follow up
13 out of 14 treatments completed
3. Tree Nurseries:
Orange Nursery and Stone Supply, Valley Tree Experts and Hill Treekeepers discussed
4. Updated Recommended Tree List submitted
5. Upcoming tree plantings discussed

• Approval of July 2022 and September minutes accepted with discussed changes

- Monthly Financial Report by Treasurer Andrew Murphy
Brief review of report. No expenses added since last meeting.
Upcoming tree purchases and supplies discussed.
- Volunteer Hours -tracking and reporting
The Assistant Corporation Counsel said on-course opportunities will be sent out soon.
- 2023 CAC budget
The Chairperson spoke about the presentation to City Council members on September 20, 2022.
- 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
2 new seats are open for the Conservation Advisory Committee.
- Tree permit process and review
Tabled for next meeting.

Old Business

- Citizen Pruner Workshop –
Tabled for next meeting, Kippy Boyle not available to attend the meeting
- ReLeaf Workshop -occurred at the same day/time as the CAC meeting.

New Business

- Fall Tree Planting
Location and number of trees to plant discussed.
- **Upcoming events:**
Discussed the planning of the upcoming Christmas Tree Mulch, Arbor Day planting, River Sweep and Environmental Justice Fellows events.

On-going Updates

- Restoration Advisory Board /Stewart Air National
Guard Water Project
The Chairperson gave a brief status update.
- Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Spaces)
No current update.
- LWRP Update – Locally Adopted on 7-10-17
No current update.

- EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities
No current update.
- Newburgh Climate Ready
No current update.

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

- 10-03-22 Quassaick Creek Greenway Open House 6:00-8:00 p.m. at
Newburgh Free Library
- 10-11-22 City Council Meeting
- 10-11-22 Architectural Review Council Meeting
- 10-12-22 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
- 10-18-22 Planning Board Meeting
- 10-24-22 City Council Meeting
- 10-25-22 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- 10-29-22 Tree Celebration -Audrey Carey Park

Ronald Zorrilla made Motion to Adjourn

Gail Fulton seconded

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting concluded 8:15 p.m.