Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York
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Council Members:
Chuck Thomas, Chairman
Marcel Barrick
Kippy Boyle
Deborah Dresser
Karen Eberle-McCarthy
Gail Fulton
_____vacancy

Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes of Meeting
September 7, 2017 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: **Chuck Thomas, Kippy Boyle, Karen Eberle-McCarthy, Deborah Dresser, Gail Fulton, Marcel Barrick,**
Omar Balbuena-Palma (Secretary)

Guests: Phil Prinzivalli Urban Forestry Committee Member
Alison Filosa, George Profous, Donald Atkins, Darius Atkins

2. Administration

a. Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2017
The September minutes were approved as submitted.

Motion by: Karen Eberle-McCarthy
Seconded by: Gail Fulton
The motion unanimously passed.

b. Monthly Financial Report
Bottom line: $9,188.03
Remain unencumbered

c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours
CAC members will turn in volunteer hours to Boyle.

d. Vacancy on CAC – Status
No update.

3. Site Plan Reviews

a. Site Plan updates

i) 35-37 Broad Street – (Regal Bag Parking Lot) – No Update

ii) 603 Broadway – Coastal Consistency Review
CAC members requested to see a site plan from the Applicant.

iii) Steelways & City Easement Agreement

Easement agreement was signed with the City.

4. **CAC Priority Projects**
   a. **<u>LWRP Update -Locally Adopted on 7-10-17</u> (Thomas)**
      No update.
   b. **<u>Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space)</u> (Thomas/ Barrick)**
      No update
   c. **<u>Green infrastructure</u>**
      i) **Storage solution for GEM?**
         No update.
      ii) **Tree Issues/ Citizen Requests**
         (1) **Urban Forestry**
            Treekeeper Application is now available for smartphones.
            (a) **On-site Tree Inspections**
               Boyle and Prinzivalli will create a Tree list for DPW that shows the CAC recommendation.
         (2) **High Risk Trees List**
            Dresser suggested a pilot program for sidewalks as an alternative to tree removal, Alison Filosa said Begian Blocks could be used as pavers. Donald Atkins, property owner of 22 Bush Avenue, will talk to Brian Flannery regarding the sidewalk standards.
      iii) **Over-wintered trees – Fall Planting? (Barrick/Prinzivalli)**
         Boyle will organize the Fall planting with Fred Fetter, Arborist.
      iv) **Parks**
         Eberle and Thomas will attend the parks conservancy meeting.
      v) **Community Education Report – No update**
      vi) **Climate Smart Community – No update**
         (1) **Solarize Newburgh Update**
   d. **CAC Website Update Status**
      "Newburgh Clean Water Project" link will be added to CAC homepage.
5. **On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates**
   a. **Drinking Water**
      Blood testing will not be cut-off and Newburgh residents are encouraged to complete an online survey. The link is available on the CAC webpage.
   b. **Newburgh Water Front Updates**
      - **Waterfront Trail – No update**
      - **South Street Parking; Fishing Pier & First Street Walkway/ Newburgh Landing Restoration**
   c. **Energy-related issues – No update**

6. **New Business**
   2017 Budget Request – CAC members discussed the price of tree planting and a request for a certified contract arborist. Dresser will finalize the transfer of available funds to tree maintenance. Boyle and Dresser will appear before the Council on September 19, 2017 for the budget meeting.

   Christmas Chipping – Boyle suggested a Christmas tree recycling party around January 7, 2018 at Downing Park.
7. **Calendar of Upcoming events (webinars, training, community events) (5 Minutes)**
   - **9-21-17 to 9-23-17 Habitat and Water Resource Assesment for Land Use Planning**

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER (Balbuena)

- Dresser will research Newburgh Next Door advertisement
- Boyle will talk to George Garrison, Department of Public Works Superintendent, about the Gem maintenance, to Fetter regarding Fall Planting and to the Assistant City Engineer, Chad Wade, regarding the Department of Environmental Conservation slabs for sidewalks
- Balbuena will create a sign in sheet for the CAC meetings and update the City website.
- Thomas will forward e-mail from Scenic Hudson regarding local initiatives to the CAC members
- 22 Bush Avenue property owner, Donald Atkins, will speak to Brian Flannery regarding sidewalk standards in the Colonial Terrace District.
- Barrick and Dresser will talk to Scott Spagnoli regarding the cost to plant 20 trees.
- Dresser will finalize the transfer of available funds to tree maintenance
- Eberle will formulate a list of tree tags with Barrick for Downing Park.
- The CAC members will each recommend 5 tree locations for each ward for planting.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Karen Eberle McCarthy
Motion Seconded: Marcel Barrick
Vote: Unanimously Approved
Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL PROJECT REVIEWS

2017 Project Reviews by CAC

1/5	182 Fullerton Ave. (Central Hudson)	4/6	98 Grand Street
2/2	Mill Street Bridge	4/6	123 Montgomery Street
3/2	First Street Streetscape Improvements	5/4	35-37 Broad Street
3/2	1 Park Place	6/1	640 Broadway
4/6	73-85 Grand Street	9/7	603 Broadway

2016 Project Reviews by CAC

1/7	198 S. Robinson	4/5	GPI Site Plans for Liberty St.
2/4	Carpenter Ave.	6/20	Mill Street Partners – Mid Broadway Site
4/7	2 Nicoll Street	7/25	New Windsor Hospitality
9/1	Steelways		

2015 Project Reviews by CAC

First Street Fishing Pier; Comments to Engineering 6/8/15	Habitat Newburgh – Ann St. at Johnston, four units; CAC ltr 9/04/2015
Safe Harbors Park – Broadway at Liberty; comments to PB 8/12/15	Habitat Newburgh – 123 Washington Street – street trees
T/Newburgh Matrix Development in City Watershed – 17K/I-87; CAC Ltr 8/20/15	

2014 Project Reviews by CAC

Shell Gas Station (405 Broadway)	Independent Living
Rt. 300 – Crystal Run	Re-Zoning/LWRP Update
Water Tower replacement	Newburgh Landing/South St./Fishing Pier
Torches	Tyrone Crabb Park Planting List
#5 Scobie Drive	North Montgomery St.

2017 URBAN FORESTRY MONTHLY UPDATE

CITIZEN REQUESTS

From December:

420 Grand – Remediate, don't remove
South Street – High School
Montgomery St. Historical Society – Arborist complaint/Tree Removed

DPW MAINTENANCE

- **Removals**
- **Pruning**
- **Stump-grinding**
- **other**

TREE INVENTORY DATABASE UPDATED

2017 Planning Board Meeting and Application Due by Dates.

Unless otherwise noticed, all meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month at the Activities Center, 401 Washington Street, Newburgh NY at 7:30 pm.

Applications shall be turned in to the Land Use Boards Secretary located at 83 Broadway, Second Floor. Forms and information can be accessed in the Planning Board page on City of Newburgh website.

Month	Meeting Cutoff Date	Meeting on
January	January 6,	January 17,
February	February 10,	February 21
March	March 10	March 21
April	April 7	April 18
May	May 5	May 16
June	June 9	June 20
July	July 7	July 18
August	August 4	August 15
September	September 8	September 19
October	October 6	October 17
November	November 10	November 21
December	December 8	December 19