

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Chuck Thomas, Chairman

Marcel Barrick

Kippy Boyle

Deborah Dresser

Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Gail Fulton

Alison Filosa



Conservation Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting September 6, 2018 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chuck Thomas, Chairperson, Kippy Boyle, Gail Fulton, Alison Filosa,
Omar Balbuena-Palma (Secretary)

Excused: Deborah Dresser
Karen Eberle-McCarthy
Marcel Barrick

Guests: Liana Hoodes, Amy Kacala, Jeffrey Link, Ann Craig, Anusha Mehar, John Delk

The Chair moved the Parks Conservancy, 4-6 Clark Street (Planting Request), Scenic Hudson, Bay View Terrace and Liberty Street Planting forward on the agenda.

Greater Newburgh Parks Conservancy

Liana Hoodes appeared before the Board. She gave an overview of the Greater Newburgh Parks Conservancy and said the name has been filed with the State. She said they will be meeting monthly and invited the CAC to attend. She said the final mission statement is under review and will be forwarded later.

Boyle confirmed the meetings were open to the public. She said the group should also aim to protect the watersheds.

4-6 Clark Street (Tree Planting Request)

Jeffrey Link, Property Owner, appeared before the Board. He said he owns the building at 4-6 Clark Street and requested assistance from the CAC for tree plantings. He asked what the procedure is and if there is a limit on the amount of trees that can be planted. He said the area is considered a bad neighborhood and by adding trees, the neighborhood will improve. He said this project may trigger the urge to plant trees by nearby property Owners.

Boyle gave an overview of the process for tree plantings and said the Owner needs to ensure the area is safe for digging by dialing 1-800 DIGG.

Thomas said the Owner may refer to the DEC Demonstration Project as an example.

Boyle said a site review will be done by the CAC to help determine the amount of trees that can be planted.

Filosa said the CAC has a list of trees for planting.

Boyle and Filosa agreed to meet with Link for a site review.

Scenic Hudson

Amy Kacala, from Scenic Hudson, appeared before the Board. She said improvements were made at Crystal Lake and Snake Hill and gave brief presentation to the CAC (see attached). She said they are continuing work on the Open Space plan and are working with different groups such as the Greater Newburgh Parks Conservancy.

Bay View Terrace

Boyle said Joshua Brown is not present at the meeting. She said the CAC is working on guidelines for clearcutting in the City. She said the City Planner sent a list of property Owners that will need to give permission for any proposed work.

Liberty Street Planting

Anusha Mehar, Property Owner, appeared before the Board. She said she purchased 15 Liberty Street and added trees outside. She gave an overview of her business and said 50 business Owners are interested in adding trees to the neighborhood. She said she has a background in community organization and would like to help plant trees from Renwick Street to Spring Street.

Boyle said a site review will be done by the CAC to help determine the amount of trees that can be planted.

2. Administration

a. Approval of Minutes from August 2, 2018

The August minutes were approved.

Motion by: Kippy Boyle

Seconded by: Alison Filosa

The motion unanimously passed.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Boyle said Dresser is not present at the meeting but they will have a revised budget request ready for presentation to the City Council. She said an funding for: an outside arborist, tablets, vehicle maintenance should be included as part of the revisions.

c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours

CAC members will submit volunteer hours via e-mail to gailfulon@rocketmail.com.

3. Site Plan Reviews – No Update

4. CAC Priority Projects

- a. **LWRP Update -Locally Adopted on 7-10-17** (Thomas)
No update.
- b. **Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space)** (Thomas/ Barrick)
No update.
- c. **Urban Forestry**
 - i) **Tree/Sidewalks Conflict Solutions**
Boyle said she is working with the Arborist to review tree conflicts. She said the City should have a full time position available for an Arborist.
 - ii) **Community Education Report**
No update.
- d. **2019 Budget Timeline and Budget Worksheets**
Boyle said the budget presentation will be on September 17, 2018.
- e. **CAC Website Update**
No update.

5. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

- a. **Drinking Water**
Thomas said the City Manager sent three (3) letters to the Town of Newburgh and Town of New Windsor for three (3) proposed projects that will impact the watershed. He said the CAC should send a comment letter as well.
- b. **Newburgh Water Front Updates**
 - o **Waterfront Trail –**
 - o **South Street Parking; Fishing Pier & First Street Walkway/ Newburgh Landing Restoration**
No update.
- c. **Energy-related issues – No Update**

6. New Business

- a. **Downing Park Tree Planting for Judy Kennedy**
Boyle said she is waiting for a response from the Downing Park Planning Committee.

7. Calendar of Upcoming events (webinars, training, community events) (5 Minutes)

- 9/7 Greater Newburgh Parks Conservancy
- 9/14 – 9/15 Hudsonia Training Course
- 9/17 City Council Budget Presentation

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER (Balbuena)

- Balbuena will submit the ReLeaf voucher for Boyle
- Dresser and Boyle will revise budget request
- Boyle and Filsosa will do a site review for Link
- Boyle will follow up with John Curstunnis for a tree planting in front of Commodore Chocolatier
- Boyle will follow up with Mehar for the Liberty Street planting
- Thomas will write three (3) comment letters for the proposed projects in the Town of Newburgh and Town of New Windsor

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Gail Fulton

Motion Seconded: Kippy Boyle

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

PROJECT REVIEWS*

2018 Project Reviews By CAC

1/5	286 Grand Street	5/3	2 Nicoll Street
2/1	5 Scobie Drive	8/2	120 Front Street
3/1	136 Lake Street		

2017 Project Reviews by CAC

1/5	182 Fullerton Ave. (Central Hudson)	4/6	123 Montgomery Street
2/2	Mill Street Bridge	5/4	35-37 Broad Street
3/2	First Street Streetscape Improvements	6/1	640 Broadway
3/2	1 Park Place	9/7	603 Broadway
3/2	100 Third Street	10/5	Sunset Ridge
4/6	73-85 Grand Street	12/7	27 S. Water Street
4/6	98 Grand Street		

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		

*See archives for prior years