

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 October 5, 2017 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chuck Thomas, Kippy Boyle, Karen Eberle-McCarthy, Marcel Barrick,
Omar Balbuena-Palma (Secretary)

Excused: Deborah Dresser, Gail Fulton

Guests: Phil Prinzivalli Urban Forestry Committee Member
Judy New, Lucy Conley, Nadia Tarr

2. Sunset Ridge Presentation

Lucy Conley, P.E., from Lanc & Tully Engineering P.C., representing the Applicant, gave a brief overview of the Sunset Ridge project. She said the intent is to subdivide the existing 18 lots in Morris Avenue in half and construct 2-family houses on each lot. She said that each house will have separate driveways, and water and sewer services. The footprints of the buildings will generally remain the same. She said run off reduction is required because of the additional impervious areas and has proposed adding 42 street trees near the drainage area. She said that there are currently 33 trees left to plant on Morris Avenue and that a sand filter has been installed for the project. Barrick said that if the trees are planted on private property, the new owner can chop them down. Boyle suggested planting trees on the tree lawn or staggering the trees. Conley said the owner was open to the idea and requested a comment letter to incorporate into the site plan. Boyle will inspect the sidewalk for the Sunset Ridge project to determine the tree locations.

At the Request of Boyle, Nadia Tarr gave a presentation on the Benkard project.

Nadia Tarr said that there are no empty pits available on Benkard Street and that the plan is to put in a side of greenery in each house. She said the project will begin with 41 and 43 Benkard. Boyle said that she will visit the site and plant one tree for now. She said that the project may be ready for Spring planting

3. Administration

a. Approval of Minutes from September 7, 2017

The September minutes were approved as amended.

Motion by: Kippy Boyle
Seconded by: Karen Eberle-McCarthy
The motion unanimously passed.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Boyle left a message for Fred Fetter, Arborist, for the invoice of overwintered trees and the cost of planting per tree.

c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours

Boyle will ask Fulton to take over logging the volunteer hours.

d. Vacancy on CAC – Status

Boyle informed Allison Filosa and Joshua Brown to submit a letter of interest to Thomas. The CAC membership terms for Thomas, Boyle, Barrick and Eberle-McCarthy will end on November 30, 2017 and they will submit a letter to the City Council with their intent.

4. Site Plan Reviews

a. Site Plan updates

Boyle suggested the CAC members attend the Planning Board meetings on a rotating schedule.

i) 35-37 Broad Street – (Regal Bag Parking Lot)

Boyle noted that the project is not a “done deal” and the public may still comment to the Planning Board.

Thomas requested the comment letters to be uploaded to the CAC homepage.

ii) 603 Broadway – Approved

The CAC submitted a comment letter to the Planning Board on September 9, 2017.

iii) Steelways & City Easement Agreement – No Update

5. CAC Priority Projects

a. LWRP Update -Locally Adopted on 7-10-17 (Thomas)

Thomas suggested adding a sign to storm drains that reads “This empties into the Hudson River.”

b. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space) (Thomas/ Barrick)

Thomas is reviewing the map files sent by the Hudson Valley River Council. Barrick said that each of the 30 maps need to have a historical narrative and that he will forward examples to the CAC.

Thomas said the Orange County Department of Planning offered to help complete the NRI.

Scenic Hudson will have a meeting with the City to discuss “Open Spaces”

c. Green infrastructure

i) Annual maintenance for GEM?

\$500 will be added to the budget.

ii) Tree Issues/ Citizen Requests

(1) Urban Forestry

(a) On-site Tree Inspections

Boyle will call Eric Hiltner to visit trees on Chambers and North Miller Street.

(2) High Risk Trees List

Boyle said the cost for planting trees will be \$300-\$325. She said there are a few places on Knott Street, and Henry Street where the property owner is willing to provide the labor for planting the trees.

Thomas said that the property owner should call 1-800-DIGG when they mark the spot for a tree.

iii) Over-wintered trees – Fall Planting? (Barrick/Prinzivalli)

Boyle will call Fetter and George Garrison, the Department of Public Works Superintendent, to begin the Fall planting.

iv) Parks

Eberle-McCarthy guided students from Gidney Avenue through the park.

v) Community Education Report

Eberle-McCarthy identified 20 different varieties of trees to be labeled at Downing Park. Eberle-McCarthy submitted the tree labels to Dresser.

d. CAC Website Update Status

i) Treekeeper 8

A software update is required and the user will need to sign into the application again.

5. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water

Barrick said that there will be two more “Community Circles” meetings and a state Water Quality Council was formed.

Thomas said that the Department of Defense began testing wells and rec ponds.

The City Manager sent a letter to Dr. Howard A. Zucker, Commissioner of Health for New York State urging him to continue the blood testing program.

b. Newburgh Water Front Updates

o Waterfront Trail – No update

o South Street Parking; Fishing Pier & First Street Walkway/ Newburgh Landing Restoration

c. Energy-related issues – No update

6. New Business

Boyle said that the Hudson Valley ReLeaf will be on October 12, 2017.

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

- o 10-12-17 Hudson Valley ReLeaf

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER (Balbuena)

- Kippy and marcel to walk on Benkard Street 41 & 43
- Boyle will ask Fulton to take over logging the volunteer hours.
- Thomas, Boyle, Barrick and McCarthy will submit a letter to the City Council with their intent to renew or expire.
- Boyle will receive the invoice for the over wintered trees and the cost of tree planting from Fetter and will submit the information to Dresser.
- Balbuena will update the CAC website with the comment letters and term expirations
- Barrick will forward NRI narrative examples to the Tarr, Boyle, and Balbuena.
- Boyle will inspect the sidewalk for the Sunset Ridge project to determine the tree locations.
- CAC will forward the comment letter for the Sunset Ridge to the Planning Board and Applicant.
- Boyle suggested the CAC members attend the Planning Board meetings on a rotating schedule.
- CAC members may want to view the stamped concrete on Washington Street by the cemetery.
- Boyle suggested the CAC members should inspect the fishing pier.
- Thomas suggested adding a sign to storm drains that reads “This empties into the Hudson River.”
- Boyle will call Fetter and George Garrison, the Department of Public Works Superintendent, to begin the Fall planting.
- Thomas, Barrick, Boyle will review the sidewalk permits to confirm if the CAC has authority regarding tree plantings.

- Parks Conservancy meeting will be on October 6, 2017.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Karen Eberle McCarthy

Motion Seconded: Marcel Barrick

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 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
3/2	100 Third Street	9/7	603 Broadway
4/6	73-85 Grand Street	10/5	Sunset Ridge

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.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Meeting Cutoff Date</u>	<u>Meeting on</u>
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