

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

The Heritage Center, 123 Grand Street, Newburgh, New York 12550

Phone: (845)569-7366 conservation@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov

Council Members:

Chuck Thomas, Chairman

Marcel Barrick

Kippy Boyle

Deborah Dresser

Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Gail Fulton

Alison Filosa



Conservation Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting October 4, 2018 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

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

Excused: Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Guests: Genie Abrams, Phil Prinzivalli

2. Administration

a. Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2018

The August minutes were approved.

Motion by: Deborah Dresser

Seconded by: Gail Fulton

The motion unanimously passed.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Boyle said additional invoices will be submitted for tree plantings at Clark Street.

Dresser said the remaining funds from the 2018 Budget may be used to cover a portion of Davey's Renewal. She said she will assist in completing the Donation Tree Planting List.

Prinzivalli said some funds should go to pay for tree pruning.

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)

Thomas said the LWRP is still under review.

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

Barrick said at the Hudsonia Training Course he learned that the Hudson River Estuary Program will help fund the NRI and Carla Castillo from the Hudson Valley Regional Council agreed to attend the following CAC meeting to provide NRI assistance.

c. Urban Forestry

i) Tree/Sidewalks Conflict Solutions

Boyle said there are several tree planting projects pending and said a part of the budget may be used to purchase trees now for planting in the spring.

ii) Community Education Report

Dresser said public is becoming more interested in keeping Newburgh Green and protecting the Watershed.

Alison said the Newburgh Bluff should be developed to benefit everyone.

Thomas said there are four (4) entities that own the Bluff and permission should be granted before executing studies for preservation.

d. 2019 Budget Timeline and Budget Worksheets

No update.

e. CAC Website Update

Boyle said the donation form is tax deductible and a new cover photo should be taken. Dresser and Filosa agreed to assist.

5. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water

Thomas said the City of Newburgh will switch over to Browns Pond at the end of October.

Barrick said Browns Pond can handle approximately 10-15 weeks of Newburgh's water use and the filter's on Washington Lake does not thoroughly remove contaminants. He said additional filters can be installed to provide clean water. He said the Town of Newburgh will have a public hearing on an application that impacts Patten Brook on November 1. He said the Environmental Assessment Form Mapper from the Department of Environmental Conservation website inaccurately classifies the stream as class "C" instead of class "A" and he said the Shoppes at Newburgh will negatively impact the stream. He clarified the stream feeds into Washington Lake which provides water to the City of Newburgh.

The CAC members agreed to send a letter to the Town of Newburgh.

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. Annual Watershed Conference 2018

Fulton will attend the conference.

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

- 10/5 Parks Conservancy Meeting
- 10/12 Recognizing Habitats Workshop
- 10/23 Annual Watershed Conference 2018
- 10/26 OCMPF Training – Full Day session
- 11/1 OCMPF Training – Two-Hour session
- 11/10 Community Meeting
- 11/26 OCMPF Training - Two-Hour session

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR OCTOBER (Balbuena)

- Balbuena will follow up on the CAC member application for Genie Abrams
- Dresser will assist in completing the Donation Tree Planting List and ask permission from the Granite Shop for a Biodiversity Study
- Dresser, Boyle and Filosa will update the Donation form
- Thomas to draft CAC comment letter for the Shoppes at Newburgh Site Plan
- Fulton will submit the Annual Watershed Conference training invoice to Balbuena

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Kippy Boyle

Motion Seconded: Gail Fulton

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 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