

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

_____vacancy



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

1. Roll Call

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

Guests: Phil Prinzivalli Urban Forestry Committee Member
Alison Filosa, Nadia Tarr, Marianne Marichal, Kelly Libolt,
Piotr Jagninski, Souade Jagninski

2. 27 S. Water Street Presentation

Kelly Libolt, from KARC Planning Consultants, Inc., appeared before the CAC for the Applicant. She gave a brief overview of the project and said the intent is to restripe South Water Street for additional parking and convert the theater into a “Hudson Taco” (Restaurant). She said a new deck will be added to the building and re-striping of the road will slow traffic speed and add additional parking spaces for the business. She said the West side of S. Water Street will be re-striped, the parking buffer will be slightly reduced, and there is no sunset provision nor bicycle lane proposed.

3. Administration

a. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2017

The November minutes were approved.

Motion by: Deborah Dresser

Seconded by: Karen Eberle-McCarthy

The motion unanimously passed.

b. Monthly Financial Report

Dresser said that there is roughly \$7,800 remaining in the budget and that the invoices for: GEM Polaris, Manza Family Farm, Orange Nursery, recycling banners and the tree tags should be submitted as soon as possible.

Boyle will finalize the GEM Polaris, Manza Family Farm and the Orange Nursery purchase order.

c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours

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

d. Vacancy on CAC – Status

City Council will vote to appoint Allison Filosa as a member of the CAC and to re-appoint the members whose terms are set to expire on December 31, 2017.

4. Site Plan Reviews

a. Site Plan updates

i) 27 S. Water Street – Coastal Consistency Review

The CAC encouraged the Applicant to add bicycle lanes in place of parking spaces which may result in additional pollutants discharging into coastal waters and requested a sunset provision. The CAC said there is no current Parking Master Plan for the LWRP and is concerned for pedestrian safety on the street, particularly when exiting from the driver's side while parked. Thomas will review the comments by the CAC and forward a comment letter to the Planning Board.

5. CAC Priority Projects

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

Boyle will contact Jamie Ethier from the New York Department of State, Office of Planning and Development, to receive an update on the LWRP status.

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

Barrick will finish defining the "Open Space" metric for the City of Newburgh. He will review examples from a similar municipality in Philadelphia and contact Nikki Chung from Scenic Hudson to collaborate on the definition. Thomas said Google Earth may be added to the library for the NRI

c. Green infrastructure

i) Tree Issues/ Citizen Requests

(1) Urban Forestry

(a) On-site Tree Inspections

Boyle will inspect the trees list with Fred Fetter, Arborist.

(2) High Risk Trees List

Boyle will contact the software team of Treekeeper for training.

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

Boyle said planting the over-wintered trees will begin the following week.

iii) Parks

The next Newburgh Urban Greenways Conservancy (a.k.a. Parks Conservancy) meeting will be on December 8, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Dresser said a distinction should be made between the NRI open space and the Urban Green space. Thomas said the goal is to manage the open space that the City has available.

iv) Community Education Report - Update

The tree tags will arrive and will be placed on twenty-five trees at Downing Park in the Spring.

v) CAC Website Update

The CAC homepage will be updated with the latest comment letter

6. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates

a. Drinking Water

The City will be cut from the Catskill aqueducts in January and the City Council voted not to switch the water supply back to Washington Lake. The plants to clean the water have been constructed and

are now being tested. Blood testing will be on December 14 & 15 at the Cornerstone Family Healthcare.

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

7. New Business

Boyle said there will be a ReLeaf lunch-in at New Paltz on Tuesday for anyone interested in attending.

Dresser said \$50,000 was awarded to the CAC from the Department of Environmental Conservation for South Williams Street, 9w and route 32

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

- 12/8/17 Newburgh Urban Greenways Conservancy Meeting
- 12/12/17 ReLeaf lunch-in at New Paltz
- 12/14/17 Blood Testing at the Cornerstone Family Healthcare
- 12/15/17 Blood Testing at the Cornerstone Family Healthcare
- 1/6/18 Christmas recycling

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER (Balbuena)

- Blood testing will be on December 14 & 15 at the Cornerstone Family Healthcare
- Boyle said there will be a ReLeaf lunch-in at New Paltz on Tuesday for anyone interested in attending.
- Boyle mentioned the CAC could have “Arbor Day Art” at City Hall
- Balbuena-Palma to update the CAC homepage
- Thomas to forward revised 27 S. Water Street
- Barrick will review examples from a similar municipality in Philadelphia for the “Open Space” metric and contact Nikki Chung from Scenic Hudson to collaborate on the definition of “Open Space”
- Boyle will contact the software team of Treekeeper for training
- Thomas said Google Earth may be added to the library for the NRI
- Eberle-McCarthy will clarify the reasoning behind the name change for the Parks conservancy.
- Boyle will ask for a status update on the Parks Conservancy at a City Council meeting

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Deborah Dresser

Motion Seconded: Gail Fulton

Vote: Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL PROJECT REVIEWS

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		

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