

Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Council Members:

Chuck Thomas, Chairman

Kippy Boyle

Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Gail Fulton

Alison Filosa

Genie Abrams

(Vacant)



Conservation Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting December 5, 2019 – 6:30 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Chuck Thomas, Chairperson, Alison Filosa, Gail Fulton, Karen Eberle-McCarthy, Genie Abrams, Omar Balbuena-Palma (Secretary)

Excused: Kippy Boyle

2. Administration

- **Approval of Minutes from November meeting**

The November minutes were approved as amended.

Motion by: Alison Filosa

Seconded by: Genie Abrams

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Monthly Financial Report**

The CAC members discussed the allocation of the remaining funds and agreed to purchase two (2) Samsung tablets without a data plan and to pay Jack Powell, Arborist, for his services.

Motion by: Genie Abrams

Seconded by: Karen Eberle McCarthy

The motion passed unanimously.

The Secretary said he'll follow up with Ms. Boyle to submit the invoices for the tree stakes and watering bags.

- **CAC Appointments**

The Chairperson said former CAC member Marcel Barrick's term has expired and he will no longer serve as a member. He said Mr. Barrick agreed to assist the CAC whenever possible. He said Ms.

Boyle and Ms. Eberle-McCarthy have agreed to continue serving on the CAC in a limited role until a replacement is found. He thanked them for their service.

Ms. Filosa said Joshua Brown may be interested in joining the CAC.

- **CAC Meeting date**

The CAC reverted the regular meeting dates back to the first Thursday of the month. The CAC may vote to change that date later.

The Secretary said he can follow up if an alternate date is more convenient for the members.

- **Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours**

CAC members submitted their volunteer hours to Ms. Fulton.

3. CAC Priority Projects

- **Mount Saint Mary College Civic Internship/Fellowship Program**

Ms. Abrams said Alan Coria reached out to the CAC for the program. She said his knowledge and skills would be a great asset to the CAC.

The CAC discussed and agreed to approve Mr. Coria for the internship subject to a confirmation by Mount Saint Mary College.

Motion by: Karen Eberle McCarthy

Seconded by: Gail Fulton

The motion passed unanimously.

- **LWRP Update**

No update is available.

- **Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space)**

No update is available.

- **Urban Forestry**

- **Tree List Update**

No update is available.

- **City Arborist**

No update.

- **S. William Street Grant Status**

The Secretary said the grant is in its final stages and Ms. Boyle is finalizing the outstanding items for the year.

- **Code Revisions for Trees**

No update.

- **Tree/Sidewalks Conflict Solutions**

No update.

- **Community Education Report**

The Chairperson said the Environmental Health Center is looking to get blood samples from approximately 400 participants in Newburgh for their water study, He said no other information is available at this time.

- **Parks – Park Conservancy Meeting**

Ms. Fulton said the next Park Conservancy meeting will be on December 6.

4. On-going natural resource/environmental updates

- **Drinking Water Report**

Ms. Abrams said there is a water salon meeting from the Newburgh Clean Water project on Saturday, December 7.

- **Newburgh Waterfront Updates**

The Chairperson said the City has obtained the Deep Water Dock Grants and the funds are for engineering and design of the dock.

5. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: Genie Abrams

Motion Seconded: Gail Fulton

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER (Balbuena)

- The Secretary will:
 - o Submit outstanding invoices for payment and follow up with Ms. Boyle regarding the stakes/watering bags;
 - o Contact the IT Department to proceed with the purchase of two (2) tablets;
- Ms. Abrams will reach out to Joshua Brown regarding the CAC membership;
- Next meeting date for CAC will be on January 2, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Center.

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
PROJECT REVIEWS***

2019 Project Reviews by CAC

1/3	82 Bridge Street	7/25	12 Front Street
2/7	43 Beacon Street	7/25	1 S Colden Street
3/21	260 Liberty Street	8/15	188 Grand Street
4/18	Kaplan Water Street Redevelopment Project	10/17	Kaplan Water Street Redevelopment Project
7/25	297 Grand Street	11/21	639 Broadway

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