

# Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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Chuck Thomas, Chairman

Marcel Barrick

Kippy Boyle

Karen Eberle-McCarthy

Gail Fulton

Alison Filosa

Genie Abrams



## **Conservation Advisory Council Minutes of Meeting December 6, 2018 – 6:30 PM**

### **1. Roll Call**

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

**Excused:** Genie Abrams

**Guests:** Jeffrey Link, Marianne Marichal

### **2. Introduction of new CAC member – Genie Abrams**

Abrams did not appear at the meeting.

### **3. Presentation on Cornwall's NRI (Carla Castillo)**

Carla Castillo did not appear at the meeting.

### **4. Presentation by Jeffrey Link**

Jeffrey Link appeared before the Council. He said he was able to successfully plant trees along Clark Street and he would like to do the same on Broadway near 121 and 123 Broadway. He said he would like to begin planting by the springtime and will advertise to obtain investors. He gave an overview of the project and highlighted the following:

- Plantings will be on the North and South side of Broadway from Liberty Street to Johnston Street
- Some tree pits were filled in
- 17 new trees need to be planted
- Metal stakes will secure trees

Thomas said structural soil should be used for plantings to help the trees survive.

Filosa said different types of trees like Ginkgo trees or Locust trees should be planted.

Boyle said Link should speak to the Code Compliance Department and apply for a permit. The CAC will then consult with DPW to give their recommendation.

Thomas said the plantings should confirm to the Form Based Code and a lay-out of the tree pits should be submitted. He said the CAC will review the permit once it is submitted to Code Compliance.

Balbuena will reach out to the Engineering Department to confirm if they have a dedicated GIS person to provide a map for the Broadway Tree Planting Project.

## **5. Administration**

### **a. Approval of Minutes from October 4, 2018**

The October minutes were tabled.

### **b. Monthly Financial Report**

Balbuena said there is currently \$817.48 left in the budget.

### **c. Submit Monthly Volunteer Hours**

CAC members will submit volunteer hours via e-mail to [gailfulon@rocketmail.com](mailto:gailfulon@rocketmail.com).

## **6. Site Plan Reviews – No Update**

## **7. CAC Priority Projects**

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

Thomas said he will reach out to the State to follow up on the LWRP.

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

Barrick said he will contact Carla Castillo from the Hudson Valley Regional Council to attend the following CAC meeting.

### **c. Urban Forestry**

#### **i) Tree/Sidewalks Conflict Solutions**

No update

#### **ii) Parks – Parks Conservancy Meeting**

Fulton said she has become a Board member for the Conservancy and will provide an update of the next Conservancy meeting December 7, 2018 at the following CAC meeting.

#### **iii) Community Education Report**

McCarthy-Eberle is organizing a wintertime class on the importance of trees for the kids.

### **d. 2019 Budget Timeline and Budget Worksheets**

Balbuena say the adopted budget is available online.

### **e. Liberty Street Planting**

Boyle said the Liberty Street planting has been completed.

### **f. Atlas Industries Project**

Boyle will introduce Alison to Thomas Wright to follow up.

### **g. CAC Website Update**

No update.

## **8. On-going Natural Resource/Environmental Updates**

### **a. Drinking Water**

Barrick said the Department of Defense has set up a Board for the public in order to receive clean-up recommendations.

### **b. Newburgh Water Front Updates**

- **Waterfront Trail –**

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

No update.

**c. Energy-related issues – No Update**

**9. New Business**

**a. Save the Date: Next Drinking Water Quality Council Meeting**

The state's Drinking Water Quality Council (DWQC) has yet to make recommendations for Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for toxic chemicals like PFOA, PFOS and 1,4-dioxane in drinking water. Joshua Cohen, Director of Campaigns for the Environmental Advocates of NY requested the CAC to co-host the Facebook event.

**b. Tree Code – Marcel**

Barrick said the City Code for tree protection should be amended to provide a requirement to replace trees that were removed and to provide protection for trees not in the Form Based Code. Boyle said she will reach out to Michelle Kelson to discuss the modifications.

**c. Environmental Justice Grant**

Boyle will look into additional Forestry Grants.

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

- 12/13 Comprehensive Plan & Government Efficiency
- 12/20 SEQRA Basics with updates
- 01/10 Planning Board Overview
- 01/17 Zoning Board of Appeals Overview

**RECAP OF ACTION ITEMS FOR DECEMBER (Balbuena)**

- Balbuena will reach out to the Engineering Department to confirm if they have a dedicated GIS person to provide a map for the Broadway Tree Planting Project.
- Fulton will provide an update of the next Conservancy meeting of December 7, 2018 at the following CAC meeting in January.
- Thomas said he will reach out to the State to follow up on the LWRP and will provide an NRI article found on the Times Herald Record.
- Barrick said he will contact Carla Castillo from the Hudson Valley Regional Council to attend the following CAC meeting.
- Boyle will introduce Alison to Thomas Wright to follow up on the Atlas Industries Project; reach out to Michelle Kelson to discuss the Tree Code modifications; and look into additional Forestry Grants.
- Boyle and Filosa will discuss updates to the Donation form.

**11. Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion to Adjourn: Alison Filosa**

**Motion Seconded: Marcel Barrick**

**Vote: Unanimously Approved**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 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