

City of Newburgh
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Minutes March 18, 2009

The Newburgh Waterfront Advisory Committee met at the Newburgh Heritage Center, 123 Grand Street on Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Attending: Denise Ribble, Mary McTamaney, Yanyiah Pearson, Gail Fulton, Brian Burke, Ian MacDougall

Guests: Candidates for Interview: Linda Abramowitz, Adam Pollick, Regina Dickerson.
Neither Mr. or Mrs. Thomas was present for an interview

Chairperson Denise Ribble called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

February Minutes were not reviewed nor approved. To be on the next agenda of April 15, 2009

UPDATE AND REVIEW:

Interviews to be done at 8:15 pm

Denise Ribble spoke about the PowerPoint Presentation that was given to the City Council at the March 5 work session. A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation and all the attachments was provided to the Waterfront Committee. The presentation also summarized the concerns of the Waterfront Advisory Committee and ended with a request to Council for direction.

Denise gave a brief report about a telephone conversation with Lourdes Zapata, Ian MacDougall, Frank Fish and Denise Ribble to get an update on where things are with the LWRP amendments. At that meeting Frank Fish indicated the contract had been changed (from what was an approved city resolution for the LWRP amendments and the Harbor Management Plan) to one that was incorporating the Harbor Management Plan into the LWRP. It was not clear that this change was going to result in the City having a Harbor Management Plan. There will be a call to Bonnie Devine who is the project manager from the Dept of State Division of Coastal Resources. We are hoping that we will be able to get clarification at that time.

Mary MCTamaney asked how the contract was changed between the City of Newburgh and BFJ. The change was on whose authority? Concerns are that this contract change was: done without a resolution when a resolution was done by the City Council establishing this work, and, without the Waterfront Advisory Committee being advised in any way. This committee is the Steering Committee for this grant.

The other major area of concern is the fact they removed the definition of Newburgh as a port city/small harbor from this document.

REVIEW OF POLICY SECTION 3 COMMENTS

Denise Ribble and the entire committee reviewed the February 25, 2009 documents to make the necessary revisions. The comments are to be incorporated by the NWAC secretary after this meeting of March 18, 2009 and sent to Denise Ribble via email for submittal. **Edits/Correction dated March 18, 2009 to the Draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) BFJ Planning dated February 25, 2009**

INTERVIEW PROCESS

At this time Denise Ribble moved and Brian Burke second the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the interviewed candidates. Denise Ribble moved and Brian second the motion to end Executive Session.

As one candidate (Linda Abramowitz) removed herself from consideration for personal reasons, the NWAC unanimously agreed to recommend the seating of Adam Pollack and Regina Dickerson.

DISCUSSION

Both Denise and Mary have expressed interest in the Land Use Committee. Denise will defer to Mary's decision regarding seating from the Waterfront Advisory Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Schuyler
Newburgh Waterfront Advisory Committee Secretary