

City of Newburgh
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Minutes April 22, 2009

The Newburgh Waterfront Advisory Committee met at the Newburgh Heritage Center, 123 Grand Street on Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Present: Denise Ribble, Mary McTamaney, Yanyiah Pearson, Gail Fulton, Ian MacDougall, Brian Burke, Adam Pollick & Regina Dickerson

Not Present: Yanyiah Pearson (excused)

Chairperson Denise Ribble called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Denise Ribble started the meeting with introducing everyone to the new Waterfront Advisory Committee members Adam Pollick and Regina Dickerson.

The February minutes are reviewed by the Waterfront Advisory Committee Mary McTamaney moved to approve the February 18, 2009 minutes and Gail Fulton seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

The March 18, 2009 minutes are reviewed by the Waterfront Advisory Committee Mary McTamaney moved to approve the March 18, 2009 minutes and Brian Burke seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

New Business *Polich Foundry Sculptor loan offer*

Mr. Dick Polich could not attend this evenings meeting. Mary McTamaney presented a description of an article from an art journal about the sculptor named Selzer . Selzer has since passed away. His family is now in possession of his remaining works that were not sold. Three bronzes of women are at Mr. Polich's foundry on Route 17K, Montgomery, New York. They are three quarter life sizes. Mr. Polich has arranged for the family to provide a long term loan of the statues to the City. He would deliver these sculptures and install them on a steel base that he would design to include seating around them. If Newburgh wanted them they would be placed on a flat pedestal and be used as a public bench. Mr. Polich thought that the waterfront area at the foot of South Street would be the place for these sculptures.

Denise Ribble stated their has been talk for many years about putting a small bench and some landscaping at the foot of South Street on the river side of the trestle that is city owned property. Mary McTamaney said that the terminus of South and Front Street is public property and there has been discussion to make this area a landscaped mini park. Mr. Polich's offer of these sculptures would be for this area.

Denise Ribble requested that we get photographs of these sculptors and ask Mr. Polich to provide to the Waterfront Advisory Committee a drawing of what the benches would actually look like. The committee will also plan together to go to the location where these pieces of art are at Mr. Polich's and look at them in person. The Committee agreed to visit the foundry to view the sculptures. Then the City will be contacted regarding the procedure for an offer like this.

Review *Conference Call*

Denise provided information about the conference call held April 1, 2009 with Lourdes Zapata, Denise Ribble, Ian McDougall, Mary MC, Frank Fish, Sara Yackle and Bonnie Devine. As a result of the conference call, Bonnie Devine affirmed that if we adopted the LWRP we would in fact have a harbor management plan. Big issue #2 was the fact that the description of Newburgh as a small harbor port city has been removed. Ms. Devine was receptive to the revision read to her by Ms. Ribble which defined Newburgh as a small harbor. We talked about the view planes. As currently defined in the amendments they are sufficient. There is enough detail to do a revised ordinance, once the LWRP amendments are passed. So rather than hold up the process to draft the view planes ordinances we would let that go. We also got agreement with Bonnie on another issue that is of concern to the WAC. That is the specific of the process flow chart and consistently law being included explicitly in the LWRP document. There was agreement by all parties that those items be placed in the LWRP appendix.

After the conference call, City staff and WAC members discussed another point of concern - the proposed new urban overlay district. The LWRP area would have 3 different districts. The new urban overlay district is proposed in such a way that a person in that area could either do the new urban overlay or the current zoning. Usually with overlay districts there are additional requirements (both and) but in this case there appears to be a choice (either or). The WAC has consistently recommended broadening the language in section 3 and 4 describing design standards to address this. Denise will be looking over the particular language.

Revisions Review *Section 3 Final Revisions*

Denise Ribble and the committee reviewed the consolidated hard and electronic version of Section 3. There were follow ups discussed by the committee during this meeting.

On the page 111-4 need to add **Renwick Street** after Mill Street at the end of that same paragraph.

List of actions on page 111-5 it was requested that #10 become #3. This was not done. All three sections after this were deleted (1F, 1G & 1H). It is recommended that the language in these sections all move to section 5.

In Policy 4A page 111-42 “not” needs to be deleted in front of small harbor.

Policy 7A for #6 on page 111-47 to add Garbage and refuse.

Policy 9B on page 111-50 request to re-insert 9B. Denise to go back to another revision for she did not have it available to read.

Policy 12A on page 111-54 Explanation of Policy (First paragraph) recommendation to add “Clearing activities to maintain views”.

Policy 18B on page 111-59 insert public benefits.

Policy 18B on page 111-60 Explanation of Policy on the 3rd paragraph - Revision

This will encourage partnerships between schools, unions, state & federal and funding agencies and community based agencies developers, contractors and business owners.

Mary mention the comments on easements in 20A

Policy 20A on page 111-66 Denise to review the entire section as to the language, easements and consistency and site plan review. Will discuss with Corporation Council and City Manager.

Ian McDougall to assist with the language on page 111-74 - overlay district.

Policy 29 on page 111-81 Need to add Explanation of Policy.

Policy 30 on page 111-81 Requested the paragraph deleted be put back in.

All revisions will be forwarded to Lourdes Zapata by Denise early next week. Denise recommended that new members read the entire section so they can understand the policies. As soon as the other sections are forwarded to Christine via email then they will be emailed to the new members for them to have their own file.

Regina asked if sections one and two are completed. Denise responded, yes, except a few things in section 2 need correction. Discussions with Lourdes Zapata concluded that these items were to be provided to her and would be corrected. Section one and two will be provided to the new members. Section 3 is to be reviewed this evening. Section 4 requires some changes to the section on NWADD, the language of the design and sustainability guidelines. Section 5 is going to be reviewed and the flow chart added. Applicable chapters of code and charter (i.e. 296, 300, 16.03 will be placed in the appendix. Other sections 6, 7 & 8 primarily describe the interactions of city, county, state and federal agencies.

Old Business

Fishing Pier Update

Ian MacDougall is responsible for permits and grants administration. Permits expired December 2008 and renewed first week of April. Courtney Kain and Bill Hauser are over seeing this project. Denise Ribble requested that the secretary of the Waterfront Advisory Committee contact Courtney Kain for an update as to the work being done and who is supervising this project.

Mary McTamane asks if the City has hired a new engineer. Is this engineer going to have access to the grant monies obtained by Senator Larkin to prepare a study and plan for rerouting of the northeast sewer intercept? This would allow the city to apply for stimulus money to reconfigure, separate and reroute the Northeast Sewer Intercept which is the source of many of the problems we have discussed in the last third of this document.

Denise Ribble mentioned that this may be the money that was referred to at the Brownfield meeting. There was some discussion about two funding sources. One was for infrastructure study and where was that? That money originally going through the IDA for the study and the other was for the open space plan. Denise Ribble commented it is worth while to find out the status of the funding for the study and the open space plan. She will follow up with the City Manager.

Discussion

Mary McTamanev got a call from a news editor (Mid Hudson Times) asking if there is a hearing this week on Crystal Lake. There was no public announcement. What is the status of Crystal Lake?

Mary McTamanev inquired about Broadway between Grand, and Colden has this block been transferred to Orange Community College and when? Has there been a land transfer for this?

Mary McTamanev questioned about the Liberty Street School and the proposal re: tentative approval for this project. Denise Ribble stated that the tentative approval was based upon some incomplete information about the Johnes Street parking lot, which is a Brownfield. It was sold to Bluestone. It has not been remediated. Money from the state available for that site is only to do an investigation. Ian MacDougall states that the Planning Board could not approve the site plan. Something in the code would allow Bluestone to get a permit to stabilize the building. Ian does not know if there was a permit granted or approved.

Denise Ribble asked for an update on the River Rose Dock. Ian MacDougall mentioned that before applicants go to the planning board they have a work session with the applicants. There was one in April for that application which was discussed and reviewed. There were some recommendations and directions given. One was to go to the Waterfront Advisory Committee and they had to present a revised site plan. There was a list of several other things that they had to do before they could go before the planning board. They would need another work session to make sure that they did these things. They have not made an effort to schedule themselves for the May WAC or Planning Board work session. Brian Burke mentions he had it parked down by the marina.

Denise Ribble provided the committee with information from resolution 6-2009 which the applicant must meet. There was no granting of permanent docking. In addition a modified site plan for utilities was required with reviews by the planning Board and WAC.

Brian Burke comments about the Marina Ops marina and asked for an update. Denise Ribble asked Ian if he would assist the Waterfront Advisory Committee in obtaining information about these matters.

Annoucement

Denise Ribble encouraged the Waterfront Advisory Committee members to attend the Quassaick Creek public meeting scheduled for April 30, 2009 at 7:30 pm

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm
Respectfully Submitted,

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NWAC Secretary
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