

City of Newburgh
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Minutes June 17, 2009

The Newburgh Waterfront Advisory Committee met at the Newburgh Heritage Center, 123 Grand Street on Wednesday, June 17, 2009

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

City Liaison: Ian MacDougall

Guest Ourelian J. Haley

Chairperson Denise Ribble called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The May minutes were reviewed. Mary McTamaney moved to approve the May 20, 2009 minutes and Brian Burke seconded after one correction was discussed to be made on page two. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

LWRP Amendments – Section 3, Policy 23/23A NUOD

Denise Ribble presented the Waterfront Advisory Committee with a copy of LWRP Amendments –Section 3, Policy 23/23A NUOD. Denise requested that the committee members review the document. There was discussion among the committee members about the Newburgh LWRP area design district, the East End historic district and the New Urban Overlay District (NUOD) features, language and guidelines.

Mary McTamaney moved to approve of the revised changes as proposed in Section 3 of Policy 23 / 23A. Regina Dickerson seconded. All were in favor.

Once the final draft is completed then Lourdes Zapata can send Section 3 to Bonnie Devine at the NYS Department of State.

South Colden Street Project

Ian MacDougall presented a Concept Plan for the ***Residential Development for South Colden Street*** dated June 9, 2009 prepared by Shaw Engineering (Project # 0902) for WAC review. The developers would like to “opt-in” to the NUOD for this Project and have expressed an interest in advancing the project with an anticipated construction start date of 2010. However, the NUOD is not yet in place.

The committee members agreed that they were supportive of this project coming to the WAC after the Planning Board, with the possibility of writing a letter of support for NUOD variance to the Zoning Board. There were some concerns about the number of garage doors on the conceptual drawing (7) compared to the number on the concept plan (4) with several committee members expressing a preference for the visual aesthetic of the plan. This comment will be referred to the Planning Board for site plan review.

OLD BUSINESS

LWRP consistency review response to Central Hudson Coal Tar Clean-up application

Denise Ribble presented the WAC a copy of a letter dated June 11, 2009 sent to Jennifer Street a Coastal Resources Specialist from the Consistency Review Unit of the Office of Coastal Resources, Local Government and Community Sustainability by Lourdes Zapata. Attached was the WAC LWRP Consistency Review of Central Hudson Supplemental Project Information: Federal Consistency Assessment Form for Areas B and C Remedial Action and the response from the Rowing Club. The WAC reviewed the comments and concerns from these documents.

River Rose Dock

Denise Ribble shared with the WAC the letter sent City Council and staff regarding violations of Joscos Inc., operator of the River Rose tour boat for not being in compliance with code and with its operation agreement with the city. Denise also reported that a number of seniors and veterans contacted her and other committee members about the problems they incurred on Flag Day. Ms. Ribble will forward another letter to City Council and staff with the concerns of these upset citizens.

Steelways/Star Energy, Inc.

Denise Ribble states that there is no new information to report this evening. The WAC is awaiting for responses from various departments.

Polich Foundry Sculptor Loan Offer

Regina Dickerson, committee member of the WAC visited Mr Polich and took photos of the sculptures to be loaned to the city for display. The WAC needs to send a letter to Mr. Geoffrey Chanin regarding this loan offer per the City's policy.

Adam Pollick moved to approve that Regina Dickerson write the letter and submit the photo's of the sculptures to Mr. Geoffrey Chanin. Brian Burke seconded. All were in favor.

Adjournment

Mary McTamaney moved to adjourn; Gail Fulton seconded. All were in favor.
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Schuyler
NWAC Secretary