

City of Newburgh
Waterfront Advisory Committee
Minutes August 12, 2009

The Newburgh Waterfront Advisory Committee met at the Newburgh Heritage Center, 123 Grand Street on Wednesday, August 12, 2009

Present: Denise Ribble, Mary McTamaney, Brian Burke, Adam Pollick &
Regina Dickerson
City Liaison: Ian MacDougall

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

The July minutes were reviewed. Brian Burke moved to approve the July 15, 2009 minutes and Regina Dickerson seconded.

All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Relocation of the Newburgh Rowing Club Boathouse

Ian MacDougall, City Liaison presented preliminary site plan of the temporary boathouse relocation. The following site plan was presented for review:

Preliminary Site Plan – Temporary Boathouse Newburgh Rowing Club dated July 29, 2009 Drawn by L.S.

Location far side of Regal Bag property

The discussion among the WAC members raised the following items – there is no parking indicated, additional information is needed as to details of the building with respect to electricity, facilities including restroom and parking. In addition, if the proposed relocation would involve the use of public lands at the foot of South Street (the South Street right of way and underwater rights) an agreement (i.e. an easement agreement) in accordance with LWRP Policy 20/20A and 23/23A would be needed.

The WAC members recommend that Mr. Ebert from the Newburgh Rowing Club refer to the site plan requirements as identified in the City of Newburgh zoning ordinance. The WAC supports the temporary relocation of the Newburgh Rowing Club.

UPDATES

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

Denise Ribble explained to the WAC as to a letter going to Bonnie Devine at the NYS Department of State with the Section 3 revisions as they were done by the WAC. A hardcopy of the revisions dated February 25, 2009 and in the same letter will be Section 3 to advise that their are significant revisions from the February 25th document on Section 3 including the note that there are still some corrections on Section 2 & 4. The appendix with the flow chart and all the codes that relate will be sent with the letter.

Steelways/Star Engery, Inc.

Denise Ribble, Chairperson submits for the record the following documents for discussion among the WAC members:

An email Christine Bello, Council Member provided from Steve Hunter dated July 31, 2009

An email dated August 6, 2009 from Denise Ribble, Chairperson addressed to Council Members and Mayor Nick Valentine (CC: Newburghartisans@msn.com ChrisDianFlorist@aol.com Gane50@aol.com nickvalentine@verizon.net)

Memorandum dated July 15, 2009 from Corporation Counsel Geoffrey E. Chanin sent to Honorable Chair Denise Ribble regarding Agenda Item for Waterfront Meeting email of July 7, 2009 (Steelways)

Mary McTamaneay commented on the concerns of the contaminated pile of dirt not removed and the activity taking place at the site. Discussion among the WAC members are the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) not having a project number, no contact person and the contaminated pile of dirt, not properly bermed. Ms. Ribble will contact Mr. Hunter re: the concerns of contamination from run-off of improperly bermed dirt.

Central Hudson Coal Tar Clean-up permit application

Denise Ribble briefed the committee that Central Hudson has to respond to the consistency review and concerns.

River Rose Dock

Denise Ribble, Chairperson reported to the WAC committee a brief update as to a letter from Corporate Counsel Geoff Chanin dated May 28, 2009 sent to Mr. Panzella of the River Rose Tours & Cruises not in compliance.

Colden Street Condominium Project

The WAC will submit letter of support for this project addressed to Joanne Lugo, City of Newburgh Zoning Board chairperson.

Polich Foundry Sculptor Loan Offer

Regina Dickerson reported to the WAC that she spoke to Mr. Polich who informed her that the sculptures previously presented by Selzer were not available to loan at this time, but may be available in the Spring of 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Applications Available

From NYS Department of State for the Waterfront Revitalization Program & the Environmental Protection Fund grant application is to be submitted by Denise Ribble, Adam Pollick & Ian MacDougall which is due by September 16th, 2009 and has to be reviewed by the City Council by September 3rd, 2009

Regina Dickerson to connect with Heritage Corridor Committee, Safe Harbors and 20/20 including the Liberty Street Business Association.

Hudson River Valley Greenway Conservancy \$75,000.00 (\$1,000 - \$20,000 Trail Projects) due by September 4th, 2009. Denise Ribble recommends that this connect with the Quassaick Creek Project.

Ina MacDougal received two applications (New Trail & Existing Trail) from Kay Schmidt Denise Ribble comments that their is no existing trail and that we would create a new trail. This application is due by October 2nd, 2009.

Adjournment

Adam Pollick moved to adjourn; Regina Dickerson seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine M. Schuyler
NWAC Secretary