

**City of Newburgh
Waterfront Advisory Committee**

The Newburgh Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) met at the Newburgh Heritage Center located at 123 Grand Street on Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

Present: Waterfront Advisory Committee Members, Brian Burke, Regina Dickerson, Gail Fulton
Mary McTamane, Amanda O'Neill, Adam Pollick

Excused: Waterfront Advisory Committee Chairperson, Denise Ribble

Guests: Ian MacDougall (City Planner)

Mary McTamane called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

I. Review & Approval of the Minutes of April and November 2010

The April minutes were reviewed and an addition was made. Ms. O'Neill motioned to accept the April minutes, Mr. Burke seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The November minutes were reviewed and Ms. McTamane moved to accept the minutes with minor changes and all were in favor.

II. New Business

A. Contact Information, Etc. for Committee Members

It was mentioned that WAC members do not have current contact information besides email addresses and suggested that phone numbers be provided to the WAC Secretary to make and distribute a contact list in case of cancellation/changes to meetings due to weather, etc. It was also agreed that agendas and all other information to be presented at WAC meetings be emailed to members at least three days in advance for review.

B. South Street Park & Open Space Planning Grant Update

Mr. MacDougall reported that he discussed the grant with Bonnie Divine (Dept. of State) and that there is no contract for the \$347K matching grant, but there is an award. The core area for the open space planning grant as defined by the is land east of the railroad. Mr. MacDougall stated that City Engineer Craig Marti said that there is concern over the wording in regards to the BAN (Bond Anticipation Note), and that there was discussion of dispersing the monies to the fishing pier, South Street Park, or Newburgh Landing. Mr. MacDougall identified the four tasks from the grant and reviewed the grant packet with WAC members. Mr. MacDougall will email copies of the grant paperwork to WAC members. Discussion of funds available and the timeframe for the grant and project took place and Mr. MacDougall reported that he would provide an update once a solution to the BAN issues were firmed up.

C. LWRP Amendment Update—Schumer Grant

Mr. MacDougall reported that there is approximately \$186K available for three things: The Armory, Lower Broadway Buildings, and \$30K for the LWRP. Ms. McTamane asked if the LWRP funds were available

for BFJ, Inc. to conduct public hearings and Mr. MacDougall stated that the question that needs to be asked in regards to these funds is, "What can a consultant do for \$30K?"

D. Consolidated Iron Site

Mr. MacDougall reported that they are waiting on an EPA report and once that is received a Management Plan will be done. A representative from the Waterfront Advisory Committee will be part of that management planning ad hoc committee as well as a member of the Planning Board with city staff.

III. Old Business

A. First Street

Mr. MacDougall reported that there was a Transportation Improvement Program grant given some years ago by Congressman Hinchey in the amount of \$314K and that City Engineer Craig Marti suggested that the city do the remaining work with it own crew and resources on First Street improvements (between Front Street and the river) and then move the funds to another project because of the stringent review process and that it was confirmed that there would not be an issue with moving the funds.

B. Crystal Lake

Ms. McTamane asked about Crystal Lake Planning. Mr. MacDougall reported that an Orange County Planning grant had been possible for \$5-6,000 to study the creation of a conservation subdivision to protect the shoreline of the lake and public access to it. Randall Arendt was the consultant with that special expertise who might have been approached to do that study. Newburgh's city administration decided not to pursue that county grant, for this purpose at this time.

Adjournment

Ms. McTamane suggested adjournment. Mr. Burke motioned to accept, Ms. O'Neill seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.