

City of Newburgh Conservation Advisory Council
Thursday, May 1, 2014
6:30 p.m.
123 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY 12550

Present: Kipy Boyle, Gail Fulton, Richard Harper, Chuck Thomas, Chad Wade, Phil Prinzivalli, Mary McTamane

Guest: Pastor Debbie

I. Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP)

Mr. Harper reported that the City of Newburgh Council passed a resolution to hire BFJ to update the LWRP. The City staff will then submit the LWRP so that the City can be partially reimbursed for an outstanding grant from NYS that required a completed LWRP.

Mr. Harper also reported that Ian MacDougall, City of Newburgh Planning & Development emailed him to see if members of the CAC would like to review the draft zoning plan. Ms. Boyle stated that she would like to recommend that the CAC make a statement at the public hearing for the zoning plan.

II. Parks

Tyrone Crabb Park was discussed, and Ms. McTamane reported that she had received the plans from Courtney Kain, City of Newburgh. Approximately half of the land originally planned to be used for the park has now been abandoned because of the findings of the archeology firm hired to excavate the land. Buttons, shards of tableware and pottery were found at the site and further excavation (which is costly) would need to be done in order for the remainder of the land to be used. There was discussion of possible options, and it was decided that a letter would be drafted from the CAC to Courtney Kain, James Slaughter, Acting City Manager, and the Council requesting that they present the plans for the park to the Architectural Review Commission (ARC).

III. Shade Tree

Mr. Prinzivalli reported that four trees were planted in celebration of Arbor Day. He also reported that a \$25K grant was awarded to the City of Newburgh from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for a tree inventory. Mr. Prinzivalli expressed concern that a meeting scheduled with staff from Central Hudson regarding tree trimming had been cancelled by the City of Newburgh Department of Public Works. Central Hudson has stated that they would help the City with trimming and cutting down trees that need to be taken down because they need trees to be properly trimmed so they don't interfere with their wiring.

IV. Sidewalk Replacement

Ms. Boyle reported that she has been in contact with Jessica Bacher from PACE regarding sidewalk replacement. She stated that she has been researching other communities to compile information on how to streamline the sidewalk replacement process. Mr. Wade suggested that the issue be brought to attention at a public hearing and that members of the CAC suggest that guidelines be added to city code compliance.

V. Crystal Run Healthcare

Mr. Harper reported that revised plans have been submitted by Crystal Run Healthcare and that comments have been submitted by the City of Newburgh.

VI. Greater Newburgh Partnership (GNP)

Mr. Harper reported that GNP received a grant to link Broadway and the waterfront and that transportation will be included in this plan. A "trial" is set for the summer for implementation of some of the planning to test out how well the additions and changes will go before implementing them at a larger scale.

Upcoming Events

Mr. Thomas reported that an e-Design event will be held at the library on May 17, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ms. McTamaney reported that she will be attending the Goshen CAC meeting on May 29, 2014. May 21, 2014 is the PACE Task Force and they have asked if members of the CAC will speak, Ms. Boyle agreed to help put together a presentation and Mr. Harper said that he will present.

Adjournment

Ms. McTamaney made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Mr. Thomas seconded and all were in favor.