

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 26, 2012

The meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Brian Denniston at 7:10 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Chairman.

Attendance was taken. There were 11 people present.

Minutes were read by Secretary Mary Keller. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mayor Judy Kennedy and seconded by Chairman Brian Denniston.

We had two guest speakers, Amanda Hickey of Pathstone and Mayor Judy Kennedy.

Amanda Hickey spoke about the project she is working on to start a community garden and to improve transportation for transport-dependent people.

The purpose of the community garden is to show the community how to grow their own fresh produce which people can buy to help generate income for their organization. They go to check out various lots for planting.

The 22 bed garden project is being funded by the Hudson Valley Greenway. They are looking for lots in Census Tract 4 & 5 for planting. So far they have 22 organizations involved.

We broke for coffee and cake at 7:50 pm.

At 8:00 p.m. meeting was called back to order.

Our second speaker was Mayor Judy Kennedy who presented a slide show called Newburgh Action Teams – Progress Report and Celebration

She acknowledged the volunteers for the work they do.

The first team the Adopt A Block Team's purpose is to ask people what they want to do with their block and to help them get the resources they need and help solve problems.

There is a clean and beautify team. One of the things they started is a cookie clean up with neighborhood children.

The Safe City Team got derailed with the recent shooting but is being restructured. They are planning a program on violence prevention.

The Youth team supports all programs for youth. They have created an online calendar. The calendar will be expanded for summer 2012. We need to get information to the City.

Recruit youth for Job Corps. The age limit is 16-24, and participants cannot have felonies. They get career technical and academic training and free room and board on campus. They have an 87% success rate.

There is a creating jobs team. The Orange County Partnership is actively building and recruiting business to promote new hires at existing companies. They have begun customized training programs for two local employers.

Youth Build Team is creating a business buzz.

Landlord and Tenant Team's mission is to work with Landlord & tenants to define and implement equitable and fair rental management practices.

There is an environmental and conservation team.

The Newburgh Marketing team works with Broadway Transformation and is creating a Newburgh Professional & Business Association.

Newburgh Heritage and Arts Festival Team will have a Summer Solstice Festival called Newburgh Illuminated to celebrate our heritage. We were the first city to be illuminated by electricity. The festival will be held June 21-23, 2013.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee hopes to participate in the May 12th cleanup.
.Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on May 31, 2012

Respectfully submitted.

Mary Keller
Secretary