

## Conservation Advisory Council | City of Newburgh, New York

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### Council Members:

Chuck Thomas, Chair

Genie Abrams

Alison Filosa

Gail Fulton

Robert Sanchez

Andrew Murphy

Ronald Zorrilla



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Minutes of Meeting

August 9, 2021

6:30 p.m. – Heritage Center (123 Grand Street)

- **Roll Call**

**Present:** Chuck Thomas, Chairperson, Genie Abrams, Alison Filosa, Gail Fulton, Andrew Murphy, Robert Sanchez, J.K. Gentile, (Secretary)

**Absent:** Ronald Zorrilla

**Guest:** David Eylers

**Meeting called to order 6:39pm**

- **Administration**

- Approval of Minutes from July as corrected.  
The Chairperson moved to approve July minutes  
Genie Abrams seconded.  
The motion passed unanimously.
- Monthly Financial Report  
Committee reviewed budget and discussed Proposed 2022 Budget by line item.  
Discussion included the \$15,000. balance available on line item A.7129.0448-Tree Planting and Maintenance.

A sub-committee was created (including Genie Abrams, Alison Filosa and Andrew Murphy with the Chairperson and Gail Fulton as fill-in's) to develop a plan to select locations and plant (30) 1.5 inch diameter trees in the Fall 2021.

Budget expenses due August 11, 2021.

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 is CAC's scheduled budget work session with the City.

- Monthly Volunteer and Grant Hours submitted, tracking sheet has been updated.
- Arborist Report  
The Chairperson requested the tree request spreadsheet be updated and made matter of record each meeting.  
3 requests for tree consultation submitted for July 2021.  
Council discussed tree risk assessment and protocol.  
The Chairperson and Mr. Eylers to coordinate a discussion with DPW regarding tree consult/ removal process.  
The 5 Year Plan has been drafted, Mr. Eylers asked Council to review and submit any comments for discussion.

- **Site Plan Review**

48, 52, 64 Grand Street

Owner/Applicant: Sims Foster / Foster Supply Hospitality

Combine the lots and convert structures into Hotel and Event Space.

Erik Boe, LAN Associates gave an overview of the project.

6 new street trees proposed for planting in the front, new landscaping in the front, on the sides and back lot garden area, planting trees in the islands and planting trees and scrubs in the back lot.

The Chairperson requested that the drainage of rainwater to be channeled on site.

The Committee and reviewed the Coastal Assessment Form.

The Chairperson moved to approve the Coastal Assessment Plan.

Genie Abrams seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

- **Old Business**

- Genie Abrams and Kathy Lawrence developed and Ms. Abrams presented drafts of:
  - Tree Ordinance Language
  - Street Tree Permit Process
  - Tree Work Application and Permit

These documents are for discussion at the next meeting to give the Council time to prepare any comments/suggestions.

- RFP for Tree Removal  
“Save a Tree” out of Westchester County was selected.
- Website Updates  
Secretary to continue to address needed revisions.
- Central Hudson letter  
Mr. Sanchez has been in contact with Richard Hasbrook, Utility Forester with Central Hudson, about presenting to the CAC to discuss their tree removal process and developing a collaboration between the CAC and Central Hudson.

- **New Business**

- Garden Club of Orange and Dutchess Counties  
Mr. Sanchez presented a proposal from the Garden Club to rectify damage done to Downing Park by the recent tornado and years of neglect with a \$10,000. grant. CAC to host the Garden Club at the September 2021 CAC meeting for a presentation.
- 65 Lander Street –Tree Planting  
Owner requesting a tree, tree pit already exists, has proposed planting a tree since 2012.

- **On-going Updates:**

- Restoration Advisory Council /Stewart Air National Guard Water Project  
The Chairperson said making progress with the CDC and blood testing.
- Natural Resource Inventory (NRI/Open Space)  
Ronald Zorilla not present for update.
- LWRP Update –  
The Chairperson said no new reports.

**Calendar of Upcoming events (webinars, training, community events)**

- 08-09-21 City Council Meeting
- 08-10-21 Architectural Review Commission Meeting
- 08-11-21 CAC Budget Expense Worksheet Due
- 08-17-21 Planning Board Meeting
- 08-24-21 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

**Genie Abrams made Motion to Adjourn**

**Alison Filosa seconded**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting concluded 8:09pm**