

**CITY OF NEWARK  
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**March 13, 2012**

**MEETING CONVENED:** 7:07 p.m City Manager's Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ajay Prasad, presiding, Nadine Bangerter, Carol Riggs, Kass Sheedy, Amy Smith

**ABSENT:** Steve Dentel, Tom Fruehstorfer, Cara Lampton, Bob McDowell

**STAFF PRESENT:** Charlie Emerson, Parks and Recreation Director

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

Mr. Prasad corrected page 1, Guest, the name "Uttebroek" should read "Uttiebroek."

MOTION THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 14, 2012 MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present from the public to speak.

**3. GREEN TRANSPORTATION**

Ms. Bangerter spoke with Mike Fortner and Maureen Feeney Roser regarding the Newark Transit subcommittee. Ms. Bangerter reported Mike Fortner stated that although DELDOT and DART attended the monthly meetings and provided updates, interest waned following the cancellation of a few meetings and the committee was dissolved. Mr. Fortner's recommendation was to form a committee similar to the CAC. He was in the process of trying to reestablish the Newark Transit Subcommittee. He also suggested inviting DELDOT (DART) to attend an upcoming CAC meeting and ask them specifically what they were going to do to fulfill two major issues on the City's Transportation Plan: how to make the transit hub more efficient and how they were going to address the service modifications. Mr. Fortner will be asked to attend an upcoming CAC meeting.

**Action : Ms. Bangerter will contact Mr. Fortner for DELDOT representatives to invite to an upcoming meeting. Mr. Fortner will also be asked to attend.**

#### **4. GREEN ENERGY**

The Commission will wait for a follow-up from the Finance Director regarding the amount of green energy purchases made by the City since the inception of Resolution 05-H.

**Action: Mr. Uttyebroek will inform the CAC when Green Energy is scheduled to be on the Council Agenda so the members may attend the meeting. In addition, the CAC will make a recommendation to Council for a Green Energy purchase for 2013 by September/October 2012.**

#### **5. COMMUNITY HABITAT**

Ms. Smith reported she attended a Delaware Nature Society meeting regarding rain gardens. They have a deadline approaching for grant money for a certain number of rain gardens and were looking for a potential demo site for rain gardens as well.

#### **6. ANTI-IDLING GRANTS**

Ms. Riggs played the first cut of two versions of the Anti-Idling video for the commission members and asked for their feedback. Mr. Emerson suggested Chief Tiernan view the video once it's completed. Ms. Riggs reported the anti-idling brochure was completed and ready to be printed.

Ms. Riggs added that the initial random survey on Anti-Idling continues with a follow-up to be conducted after the distribution of the film/brochure to compare knowledge of the idling before and after. Mr. Dentel was tabulating the initial survey results and will report back at a future meeting.

**Action: Ms. Riggs will contact Tom Zaleski in Parks & Recreation and provide the sign specs so pricing can be obtained for the anti-idling signs. She will also contact Dana Johnston, Community Affairs Officer, regarding adding the anti-idling ordinance and video to the City's website and to coordinate the kickoff for the anti-idling campaign. Ms. Sheedy will research table top displays for use in the anti-idling campaign that can be used at events such as Newark night, etc.**

#### **7. RECYCLING**

Mr. Emerson reported the City put approximately 20 recycling containers in City parks. Due to the warmer weather this winter, the containers have been utilized, however the issue had been people were throwing away water bottles that still contained water in them. This would inaccurately increase the weight of recyclables. Mr. Emerson also reported the Spring Clean-up was scheduled for Saturday, April 14 from 9-11 am. He asked the Commission members to attend this worthwhile event.

**Action: Mr. Emerson will ask Sharon Bruen to email a flyer to the commission members with details on the Spring Clean-up.**

**8. BETTER NEWARK AWARD**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**9. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Schiano will forward the Annual Report to the CAC members for their final review.

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the City Manager's Conference Room.

**12. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:54 PM**

Tara A. Schiano  
Secretary

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