

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

July 10, 2012

MEETING CONVENED: 7:06 p.m Council Chamber

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Fruehstorfer, presiding, Steve Dentel, Cara Lampton, Carol Riggs, Amy Smith

ABSENT: Nadine Bangerter, Bob McDowell, Ajay Prasad, Kass Sheedy

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Emerson, Parks and Recreation Director

GUESTS: Stu Markham, Councilman

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON MAY 8, 2012

MOTION THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 8, 2012 MEETING BE APPROVED AS RECEIVED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Stu Markham, Councilman, District 5 was present to ask the CAC to consider working with him on a project with the City to build a solar installation in the City. The funding (\$150,000) would be the annual amount designated to purchase REC's. Councilman Markham was requesting the CAC's role consist of the following:

- Contacting local companies and schools (i.e. vo-tech schools) that may have an interest in participating for free or minimal cost.
- Researching what's needed to purchase and obtaining costs for materials such as panels, supports, inverters, etc.

Councilman Markham also wanted to report that electric rates have been decreasing with an approximate decline of 10% in January 2012 and another anticipated decline in January 2013 helped in part by the purchase of a gas turbine in Ohio.

Action: The CAC will compile any contacts and report at next month's meeting.

3. **ANTI-IDLING GRANT**

- Mr. Fruehstorfer reported he was getting quotes on sign posts and he asked the CAC to determine how many would be needed.
- Tom Zaleski, Parks Superintendent has also gotten estimates from local companies and purchased 8 sample signs. Ms. Riggs reported that local sign companies are charging significantly more than the New Jersey company she had located online.
- Ms. Riggs confirmed the proposed signs are made in New Jersey not China as previously thought. The quoted price is \$13.00 per sign and included a picture. She will email the Commission members information on the sign company. The amount allocated for signs was as follows:
 - a. \$5K for signs
 - b. \$1K for posts
- The movie was still in production.

In addition, the following suggestions were made:

- A copy of the Anti-Idling brochure be distributed with each new UDEL parking permit. Mr. Dentel will check with UDEL to determine if this was possible.
- Anti-Idling Ads be placed in the *Review* and *Newark Post*. Ms. Lampton will contact both publications to obtain pricing.
- Mr. Fruehstorfer will tabulate the Anti-Idling surveys for Mr. Dentel.

4. **RECYCLING**

Mr. Dentel reported the new recycling cans on Main Street are an improvement and people appear to be using them. Mr. Fruehstorfer will ask Rich Lapointe which bulk items are recyclable. Ms. Riggs will check to see if any companies recycle carpets.

Action: Mr. Dentel will contact Dana Johnston to inquire about putting recycling information on the City's website.

6. **BETTER NEWARK AWARD**

There was nothing to report at this time.

7. **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS**

There was nothing to report at this time.

8. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Fruehstorfer will contact the Building Department to ask if there were any new or proposed LEED certified construction projects.
- Mr. Fruehstorfer completed a rough draft of the 2011 Annual Report and will forward to CAC members for their input. Ms. Riggs will review Anti-Idling and A Better

Newark Award. Ms. Bangerter would review Green Transportation. Mr. Fruehstorfer would review Community Habitat

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the City Manager's Conference Room.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:05 PM

Tara A. Schiano
Secretary

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