

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

February 12, 2013

MEETING CONVENED: 7:00 p.m City Manager's Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Fruehstorfer, presiding, Nadine Bangerter, Steve Dentel (arrived 8:05), Cara Lampton (arrived 7:15), Ajay Prasad, Carol Riggs, Kass Sheedy, Amy Smith

ABSENT: Bob McDowell

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Emerson, Parks and Recreation Director

Note: The recording system did not function for the meeting. Therefore, the minutes reflect notes taken by the secretary.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2012

MOTION THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 11, 2012 MEETING BE APPROVED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present from the public to speak.

3. GREEN TRANSPORTATION

Ms. Bangerter had nothing new to report.

Action: Ms. Bangerter will follow up with Ms. Lampton and Ms. Sheedy about researching cities that are similar to Newark and how they manage their transit systems and report back at a meeting in the future.

4. ANTI-IDLING

Ms. Riggs reported the kickoff event was a great success with a lot of media present. The mayor was supportive. Ms. Riggs reported the Newark PD will enforce the Anti-Idling ban when they are able to do so. The locations still being considered for signs are still being researched with owners/landlords.

- Delaware Avenue
- Main Street
- Elkton Road
- State Roads located in the City
- City Parks
- City Parking Lots
- Rita's in Newark Shopping Center

Action: Ms. Sheedy will contact landlord Jeff Lang as he seemed receptive to installing the signs on his properties. Mr. Fruehstorfer will contact Downes Elementary School. Ms. Riggs will check with Park Place Elementary. Ms. Smith stated there are daycare centers and churches that should be approached about installing signs. Ms. Riggs stated all Anti-Idling exhibits not displayed should be within the next month and asked that anyone who still has one to find a spot. Ms. Schiano will send Ms. Smith Mr. Jay Freebery's contact information (developer of Rittenhouse Station)

5. GREEN ENERGY

There was nothing new to report.

Action: Mr. Fruehstorfer will follow-up with Councilman Markham regarding the Solar Park/Panel progress.

6. RECYCLING

Mr. Fruehstorfer reported plastic was no longer being recycled.

MOTION BY MS. RIGGS, SECONDED BY MS. SMITH THAT THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION BEGIN RESEARCH ON THE WIDESPREAD USE OF PLASTIC BAGS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Action: Mr. Fruehstorfer asked Spring Clean-up be put on the March agenda.

7. BETTER NEWARK AWARD

There was nothing new to report.

8. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

- The CAC will ask the Planning Department what the process was for remediating abandoned properties with gas pumps.

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Fruehstorfer will represent the CAC at the upcoming BOA meeting to obtain further information about the variance St. Thomas Episcopal Church was requesting.
- Mr. Dentel will review the existing by-laws prior to the next meeting.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the City Manager's Conference Room.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 PM

Tara A. Schiano
Secretary

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