

**CITY OF NEWARK  
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**May 14, 2013**

**MEETING CONVENED:** 7:00 p.m Mayor's Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Fruehstorfer, presiding, Ajay Prasad, Carol Riggs, Kass Sheedy, John Wessells

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cara Lampton, Bob McDowell

**GUEST:** Councilman Stu Markham

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tom Zaleski, Parks Superintendent

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9, 2013**

MOTION THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 9, 2013 MEETING BE APPROVED AS RECEIVED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT- GUEST – COUNCILMAN STU MARKHAM**

Councilman Stu Markham reported Council had approved the solar park for McKees Park at the May 13, 2013 Council meeting. The cost: \$626,000 will be paid off in 35 months. The target date to open is September 2013. Councilman Markham encouraged the CAC and ask the public to contribute the tax exempt funds to show support for the project. He strongly encouraged the CAC to get be vocal about the promotion of the Solar Park because if the project gets paid off earlier than the 35 months; new projects can be implemented that much sooner. Councilman Markham suggested that 05-H be reviewed in the near future and suggested pursuing other options that may be better received/understood.

In addition, he suggested the CAC should invite other Council members to attend the CAC meetings to get the opinions on projects they may be working on.

**Action: Mr. Fruehstorfer will invite Marge Hadden to the next CAC meeting. In addition, he will promote the Solar Park at Newark Day.**

**3. GREEN TRANSPORTATION**

Ms. Sheedy had been unable to reach former member Nadine Bangerter to see if

she had been able to upload Green Transportation information she had been working on while she was a member.

**Action: Ms. Sheedy will email Ms. Bangerter to find out when she can upload the information to the CAC drop box.**

#### **4. ANTI-IDLING GRANT**

Ms. Riggs stated she has twelve banners/posts remaining. Mr. Fruehstorfer reported thus far he has had 7 or 8 signs installed at entrance points in the City. He will follow up with Public Works to see if there are other spots still available.

**Action: Ms. Riggs will contact Roy Simonson to find a location for the banners. Mr. Fruehstorfer will contact Marvin Howard, Parking Administrator to have a poster installed at the office. Mr. Prasad will put a poster up at the UDEL parking office and in Student Services Building as well. Banners and displays will be present at the upcoming Community Day/Newark Day.**

#### **5. RECYCLING**

There was nothing to report at this time.

#### **6. BETTER NEWARK AWARD**

Mr. Wessells stated there were native plantings projects going on in his neighborhood. (Fountainview) and may suggest his neighborhood in the future for an award.

**Action: Mr. Prasad will follow-up with Mike Loftus at UDEL for further information as Mr. Loftus was unavailable for several weeks.**

#### **7. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS**

- Mr. Fruehstorfer mentioned there were several apartment projects being proposed/approved by Council

#### **8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Fruehstorfer distributed the draft for the 2012 Annual Report for the CAC review.
- Ms. Riggs reported the rain barrel sale at the Newark High School annual plant sale was a great success.
- Ms. Riggs showed a movie (partial) regarding plastic bag usage and its negative effects on the environment. She suggested members watch the movie (available at the Newark Library) that may help to promote new ideas for future plastic ban for the City.

**9.     NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the City Manager's Conference Room.

**10.    MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20 PM**

Tara A. Schiano  
Secretary

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