

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

January 13, 2015

MEETING CONVENED: 7:01 p.m. City Manager's Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Fruehstorfer, (presiding) John Hornor,
George Irvine, Bob McDowell, Ajay Prasad, Kass Sheedy,
John Wessells

ABSENT: Carol Riggs

STAFF: Tom Coleman, Director of Public Works and Water Resources

(Secretary's Note: Due to technical difficulties with the recording system, the notes were done using internal minutes from Mr. Prasad and secretary notes.)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 11, 2014

MOTION THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 11, 2014 MEETING BE APPROVED AS RECEIVED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present from the Public.

3. SOLAR REFUSE & RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Tom Coleman reported that City Council had only approved enough solar refuse containers to be covered by a grant, not the total 20+ originally proposed. There was a deadline issue with the grant so Mr. Coleman contacted DNREC. DNREC confirmed the deadline for the grant was firm. After discussion, Mr. Coleman was able to schedule an emergency meeting and the grant was able to proceed

4. GREEN ENERGY

Mr. Coleman reported there were a few kinks that needed to be worked out prior to the CAC recommending the "go ahead" with a large scale program. Once the issues are resolved, Mr. Coleman will have the item placed on the Council meeting agenda for their approval.

5. FUTURE GOALS 2015

- The discussion continues on whether to institute a program to track the number of reusable bags from year to year. It is still the opinion that something needs to be done to limit the use of plastic bags.
- Carbon footprint – Mr. Hornor will collect the data from Tom Coleman and calculate the City's carbon footprint. (Mr. Prasad will assist Mr. Hornor as well).
- There will be a continuing trend to have bike lanes in the City. The addition of Dallam Road, West Park Place and Casho Mill Road
- Further information needs to be collected on a Newark Bike Plan. The additional bike designated bike lanes should help to encourage bike travel.
- Green Energy – there is a website GreenNewarkdeDe.org that members should familiarize themselves with.
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6. A BETTER NEWARK AWARD

Mr. Hornor will do the application for Dow Chemical in the Delaware Industrial Site .

7. REVIEW OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

It is the opinion of the CAC that all efforts should be made to maintain the “architectural character” of the City as new buildings are approved.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fruehstorfer will follow up with Mr. Fortner on when the meeting is scheduled for and report back to the CAC. Reid Rowlands will be invited to an upcoming meeting.

9. COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The meetings are ongoing. It was strongly suggested the members attend a meeting or two if their schedules permit.

10. ANTI-IDLING

There are many signs that still need to be installed.

11. ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Fruehstorfer is working on combining 2013 Annual Report.

- Mr. Fruehstorfer – Green Energy, LEED (as it pertains to Planning & Development Reports, The Data Center, rain barrel sales, Newark Day
- Ms. Sheedy – Recycling
- Ms. Riggs – Anti-Idling
- Mr. Prasad – A Better Newark Award
- Mr. Irvine – Comprehensive Development Plan

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm in **Council Chambers**.

13. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 PM

Tara A. Schiano
Secretary

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