

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

JANUARY 8, 2008

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Bennett Presiding, Steven Beard, Thomas Fruehstorfer, Ajay Prasad, Kass Sheedy, Fred Stiegler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wayne Casanova, Steve Dentel, Kurt Philipp

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Emerson, Parks & Recreation Director

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2007

MOTION BY MR. STIEGLER, SECONDED BY MR. PRASAD: THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 11, 2007 MEETING BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. VOTE: 6 to 0.

AYE: Beard, Bennett, Fruehstorfer, Prasad, Sheedy, Stiegler

NAY: 0

ABSENT: Casanova, Dentel, Philipp

2. CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Mr. Bennett was contacted by his representative on Council who asked for the CAC's opinion on the City's proposed curbside recycling plan. Mr. Bennett indicated there was strong support from the Commission.

Ms. Sheedy will contact Mr. Dentel to determine whether he finalized the memo to the City Manager and Council regarding the Committee's resolution on recycling.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments forthcoming.

4. A BETTER NEWARK AWARD

The Commission decided to postpone consideration of Phillips Mill and the reservoir landscaping for A Better Newark Award until the spring.

5. REVIEW OF PLANNING DEPT. REPORTS RE POSSIBLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Mr. Stiegler advised there was a Planning Commission meeting this evening to review 203 New London Road which required rezoning from RM to BLR (business limited residential) and a minor subdivision approval to add a three-unit apartment building to the site. The review had been previously tabled.

6. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

(a) Mr. Bennett advised there would be a redesign of the trail system in White Clay Creek State Park, and some trails would be closed for an unknown period of time.

(b) Mr. Emerson provided an update on the Pomeroy Trail. Pennoni Associates was the firm selected to design and engineer the trail which will connect with the Hall Trail, go north along the Pomeroy and Western Railroad line, cross North College/Creek Road, and then continue north into White Clay Creek State Park. The state planned future trail improvements that would meet the Pomeroy Trail. Another part of the project was for a connection from the University of Delaware Laird campus. Mr. Emerson thought preliminary design plans would be ready within two to three months, and a public hearing will be held in the summer. He noted that one of the more difficult parts of the trail would be the Cleveland Avenue/Chapel Street crossing, and DelDOT was very concerned about how that intersection would be handled. The construction contract should go out to bid in mid to late 2009, with construction expected to begin in 2010.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:48 PM.

Alice Van Veen
Secretary

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