

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

November 11, 2008

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Bennett presiding, Steve Beard, Steve Dentel (arrived 7:10 p.m), Tom Fruehstorfer, Kass Sheedy, Fred Stiegler

ABSENT: Ann Morrison, Ajay Prasad

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Emerson, Parks and Recreation Director

GUESTS: John Harrod – Delaware Nature Society

1. MOTION BY MR. BENNETT, SECONDED BY MR. FRUEHSTORFER THAT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2, PUBLIC COMMENT, BE MOVED TO THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING TO ALLOW MR. JOHN HARROD OF THE DELAWARE NATURE SOCIETY TO MAKE HIS PRESENTATION.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. VOTE: 6 to 0.

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

NAY: 0

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Harrod provided a memo to the CAC detailing the Delaware Nature Society's "Enviro-Friendly Garden Tour" that the Delaware Nature Society and the City of Newark Parks and Recreation Department hosts annually in the summer. Mr. Harrod solicited the CAC to get additional residents to participate in the tour and also assist in publicizing the event. Mr. Emerson stated that Parks and Recreation could have information available on the tour at their booth at Newark Nite. Mr. Emerson will also look into perhaps highlighting the tour in the Parks and Recreation newsletter that appears on the City website.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2008**

Mr. Fruehstorfer requested a correction on Item #4, paragraph 5 by deleting the following language, "because they were environmentally minded and would give a fair opinion from their point of view."

Mr. Bennett requested an addition to item #6 Paragraph 3. Add the sentence: "Heavy duty vehicles already covered by the state." (Prior to the last sentence of the paragraph).

Mr. Fruehstorfer requested a correction on item #7 Paragraph 5. Co2 should be CO2.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BENNETT, SECONDED BY MR. STIEGLER: THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 11, 2008 BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. VOTE: 6 to 0.

AYE: Bennett, Beard, Dentel, Fruehstorfer, Sheedy, Stiegler.

NAY: 0.

4. PROGRESS ON GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVES

It was agreed that CAC will provide a specific proposal to be sent to City Council requiring 12 LEED certification points and 2 additional points every year after that. The wording will be specific to indicate for whom this would be required and how it would be implemented.

Mr. Dentel suggested a workshop after a recommendation is forwarded to Council.

5. PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING

Ms. Sheedy provided a draft letter to send to the businesses that donated reusable bags to Community Day.

MOTION MADE BY MR. DENTEL, SECONDED BY MR. BEARD TO APPROVE THE LETTER TO SEND TO THE BUSINESSES THAT DONATED THE REUSABLE BAGS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. VOTE: 6 to 0.

AYE: Bennett, Beard, Dentel, Fruehstorfer, Sheedy, Stiegler.

NAY: 0.

Mr. Dentel suggested plastic bag recycling be removed from future agendas item and revisited in six months. CAC members agreed. This will be reviewed in May 2009.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ANTI-IDLING ORDINANCE

Mr. Dentel advised that language for a proposed ordinance was ready for members to approve. Mr. Fruehstorfer inquired if there were any sites within 25 miles where tractor trailers could utilize truck stop electrification equipment, since the proposal included that

larger vehicles such as tractor trailers may idle, unless there was a facility within 25 miles.

MOTION MADE BY MR. DENTEL, SECONDED BY MR. STIEGLER TO APPROVE THE LANGUAGE FOR THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO BE SENT TO COUNCIL.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. VOTE 6 TO 0.

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

NAY: 0.

7. CARBON INVENTORY FOR NEWARK

Mr. Dentel will look into the membership fee to do carbon inventories. He said he may have a student volunteer if the City proceeds with a study. Mr. Dentel will draft a proposal to City Council and requested that this item be on the next agenda.

8. REVIEW OF PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Bennett inquired what a CDBG was and Mr. Emerson responded that it stood for Community Development Block Grant, which was federal issued money dispersed by the County to various municipalities.

9. A BETTER NEWARK AWARD

A homeowner returned the form requesting their home be considered for the award. Ms. Schiano will request photos from the homeowner. Mr. Fruehstorfer agreed to view the residence.

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Dentel submitted a draft response to Councilman Markham regarding bike sharing. Mr. Beard made some additional suggestions and a motion was made to approve with Mr. Beard's additions.

MOTION MADE BY MR. FRUEHSTORFER, SECONDED BY MR. DENTEL TO APPROVE THE RESPONSE WITH MR. BEARD'S ADDITIONS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. VOTE 6 TO 0.

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

NAY: 0.

- Mr. Bennett inquired about the progress of the skate park at the Curtis Paper Mill Site. Paper Mill Partners have conducted public meetings with regard to the site. Mr. Emerson stated that no decision has been made regarding a skate park. Mr. Emerson said that his department has money in their capital budget next year to do a master plan for the development of the site and the park across the street from the reservoir. An RFP will be created late fall/winter to hire a firm to do a master plan for both sites. Paper Mill Partners will be asked to participate in the process as they have already done a lot of leg work in terms of public meetings. However, the funding was a different issue entirely. The master plan in conjunction with the engineering plan will be submitted to council.
- Mr. Stiegler suggested that agenda item #7 be changed to read Review of Planning and Development reports as that is what the actual reports state.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:05 PM.

Tara A. Schiano
Secretary

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