

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

January 13, 2009

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Bennett presiding, Steve Beard Steve Dentel, Tom Fruehstorfer, Ann Morrison, Ajay Prasad, Carol Riggs, Kass Sheedy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Stiegler

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Emerson, Parks and Recreation Director

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2008

MOTION BY MS. SHEEDY, SECONDED BY MR. PRASAD: THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING BE APPROVED AS RECEIVED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. VOTE: 8 to 0.

AYE: Bennett, Beard, Dentel, Fruehstorfer, Morrison, Prasad, Riggs, Sheedy.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: Stiegler

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments forthcoming.

3. PROGRESS ON GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVES

Mr. Dentel stated that his assignment was to get in touch with someone at the Delaware Valley GBC (Green Building Council) and find out if they had an opinion on the CAC's proposed incentive program. However, he was having difficulty getting in touch with the contact person, Heather Blakesley, who is the educational outreach person. He was able to discuss the CAC's proposal with another individual at their office and they stated the proposal sounded fine. Mr. Dentel believed now was a good time to move forward with the workshop previously discussed. Mr. Dentel stated that the next step should be to get this item on the Council agenda and provide Council with material explaining the CAC's proposal.

The topic of requiring Energy Star appliances versus not requiring Energy Star appliances was discussed. It was determined that it should be up to the individual whether they wish to use Energy Star appliances as part of their LEED checklist requirement. They could fulfill their LEED checklist requirement with other options if they so chose not to use Energy Star appliances.

Mr. Prasad stated he was aware of a program sponsored by the state that upon purchasing an Energy Star appliance or a high end efficient appliance; an individual may qualify for a loan that was paid back over time essentially not costing any additional out of pocket expense.

Mr. Dentel will put together a proposal to be discussed at the next CAC meeting to forward to Council on LEED certification for commercial buildings.

4. CARBON INVENTORY FOR NEWARK

Mr. Dentel will continue working on a draft ordinance for Council to review. He has found a volunteer to assist with the study. Ms. Morrison will assist in the process of collecting the data as well.

5. REVIEW OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

Ms. Sheedy stated that she spoke with Councilman Athey about the status of zoning issues as they pertain to infill, an item that was mentioned in the November 25, 2008 Planning and Development report. Mr. Athey indicated that the issues were being discussed in general terms and that he will keep Ms. Sheedy informed of the progress on this issue.

Mr. Bennett requested clarification from Charlie Emerson on the Planning Commission's recommendation to establish a PL Zoning district. Mr. Emerson explained that currently parkland was zoned to match the adjacent zoning. This proposal will protect parkland by the new PL designation.

Mr. Fruehstorfer recommended that the Storm Water Management be placed on the next agenda.

9. A BETTER NEWARK AWARD

Pictures of the Crowe property at 16 Minquil Drive will be taken by Ms. Riggs.

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A report will be provided on the following to be included in the annual report.

- Anti-Idling Ordinance – Mr. Prasad
- A Better Newark Award – Mr. Fruehstorfer
- Green Building Initiatives – Mr. Beard
- Plastic Bag Recycling – Mr. Dentel
- Bike Sharing – Ms. Sheedy
- Community Clean-up – Ms. Morrison

Ms. Riggs will handle the formatting of the finished product.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 PM.

Tara A. Schiano
Secretary

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