

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

February 10, 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 (arrived 7:15), Ajay Prasad, Carol Riggs (arrived 7:20), Kass Sheedy, Fred Stiegler

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Emerson, Parks and Recreation Director

GUEST PRESENT: Reid Rowlands

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2009

Change Item #10 Old/New Business to reflect Mr. Dentel was handling Green Building Initiatives and Mr. Beard was handling Plastic Bag Recycling for the Annual Report.

MOTION BY MS. SHEEDY, SECONDED BY MR. PRASAD: THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 13, 2009 MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments forthcoming.

3. PROGRESS ON GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVES

Mr. Dentel was unable to complete the CAC's proposed incentive program with Delaware Valley Green Building Council as he was out of the country for two weeks. Mr. Dentel worked on his proposal during the meeting, proposed a draft at the end of the meeting, and will forward a copy to the CAC when he has it in final draft for their approval. The goal was to get the report to Council for an upcoming meeting.

MOTION BY MR. DENTEL, SECONDED BY MR. FRUEHSTORFER: THAT THE DRAFT MEMO OF THE GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVES BE APPROVED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CARBON INVENTORY FOR NEWARK

Mr. Dentel reported that he gave the software to Ms. Morrison that will assist with the compilation of the data for the study.

5. FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION AND STORMWATER REGULATIONS

Mr. Fruehstorfer made changes to the proposal that was originally rejected by Council. The changes addressed floodplain issues to the City as a whole, rather than being limited to certain areas. The three main issues were as follows: protect public health and safety, protect stream groundwater; and provide protection to the public interests. An additional item to consider would be to protect diversity of local native ecosystems, plants and animals.

Mr. Fruehstorfer emailed his updated proposal to CAC members earlier that day and asked that they review the proposal at their convenience and let him know their thoughts.

Mr. Dentel provided information regarding model/sample ordinances from Gaadt Perspectives, an environmental planning and consulting firm that originated from Linda Stapleford from the Wild & Scenic Watershed Management Committee. The copies will be scanned and emailed to the CAC for further discussion at upcoming meetings.

6. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

Ms. Sheedy requested clarification on the exact location of the U.S. Army Reserve Facility that may be proposed for annexation to the City.

7. A BETTER NEWARK AWARD

Ms. Riggs stated that she visited and took photos of the property at 16 Minquill Drive which she will email to CAC. The property's native plantings were not visible at this time of year. Ms. Riggs was able to discuss the benefits of new geothermal heat pump with the homeowners.

MOTION BY MR. DENTEL, SECONDED BY MR. STIEGLER: THAT THE BETTER NEWARK AWARD BE GIVEN TO 16 MINQUILL DRIVE.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Sheedy and Mr. Bennett will coordinate a mutually agreeable time to present The Better Newark Award to the stores that participated in providing recyclable bags.

Ms. Morrison suggested that Courtyard by Marriott in Newark be considered in the future for The Better Newark Award as the hotel was recognized as a certified green lodging hotel and the steps they took to be green were quite impressive.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Work continues by the committee to compile the Annual report as follows:

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

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

9. NEW INITIATIVES FOR CAC

Mr. Bennett suggested that the CAC follow any progress with the disposition of the Chrysler property. The council members agreed that they would consider additional initiatives for the CAC and discuss at the next meeting.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:33 PM.

Tara A. Schiano
Secretary

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