

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

March 10, 2009

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Bennett presiding, Steve Beard (departed 8:30), Steve Dentel (arrived 7:10), Tom Fruehstorfer, Bob McDowell, Ann Morrison Ajay Prasad, Fred Stiegler

ABSENT: Carol Riggs, Kass Sheedy

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Emerson, Parks and Recreation Director

GUEST PRESENT: Reid Rowlands

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2009

MOTION BY MR. PRASAD, SECONDED BY MR. FRUEHSTORFER: THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 10, 2009 MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Tom Fruehstorfer and Ann Morrison expressed interest in chairing the committee. After a brief discussion on what each member would like to accomplish if they were chair, a vote was taken by secret ballot. Mr. Fruehstorfer received 4 votes, Ms. Morrison received one vote, Steve (no last name) received one vote and there was one abstention. Mr. Fruehstorfer was elected chair for a one-year term.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Reid Rowlands made a presentation to the CAC on his proposed project for 20 green sustainable (energy friendly) townhouses to be located in the vicinity of Casho Mill Road and Barksdale Road, next to Saw Mill Station.

4. PROGRESS ON GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVES

Mr. Dentel reported that he sent the CAC members and the Delaware Valley Green Building Association his draft proposal for their review. He has not received any feedback and suggested waiting until the next meeting for further discussion. In the interim, Mr. Fruehstorfer will ask Ms. Fogg about getting the draft on the City Council agenda for an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Emerson suggested that the CAC invite developers to a meeting to discuss their thoughts on LEED certification as City Council would probably inquire if this had been done.

5. CARBON INVENTORY FOR NEWARK

Ms. Morrison will be compiling the data with the software provided by Mr. Dentel.

6. FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION AND STORMWATER REGULATIONS

Mr. Fruehstorfer reported that after further review on the proposal he prepared, he believed that additional work was needed. Due to the detail, he suggested that interested CAC members email him with their availability to discuss the proposal outside of the regular CAC meetings.

Mr. Emerson reported that DNREC was proposing changes regarding storm water management and sediment control. The municipalities were reviewing the proposal and will submit their comments to DNREC. Currently, Rich Lapointe and his staff were reviewing the proposal.

7. ANTI-IDLING ORDINANCE

Mr. Dentel reported that the Anti-Idling ordinance was passed by City Council. Mr. Emerson suggested that Mr. Dentel contact the City Manager's office about issuing a press release. Mr. Dentel requested that this item be entitled Publicity of Anti-Idling Ordinance and placed on next month's agenda.

8. REVIEW OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

Mr. Emerson stated that the developer of Emily Bell Place has agreed to relocate the entrance/exit for George M. Wilson Park from New London Road to the planned Emily Bell Lane. This new entrance will provide for much safer entrances and exits from the park.

9. A BETTER NEWARK AWARD

Mr. Bennett reported that he was unable to coordinate a time with Ms. Sheedy to present the award to the retailers who donated the recyclable bags. Ms. Riggs has taken pictures of 16 Minquil Drive and once they are printed, the award will be given. The application for Courtyard by Marriott, a green lodging hotel, has been received and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Beard inquired who would be available on April 18th from 9-11 a.m. to be a team leader for Community Clean-up. Mr. Emerson mentioned that CAC's presence was necessary as they were a co-sponsor of the event. Mr. Fruehstorfer and Ms. Morrison agreed to attend.

Mr. Dentel read a resolution he prepared recognizing Mr. Robert Bennett's efforts as chair and as a long-time member of the CAC. This was Mr. Bennett's last meeting because his term expired and he did not wish to be reappointed.

11. NEW INIATATIVES FOR CAC

Ms. Morrison suggested that the CAC schedule a meeting with the City Manager to discuss the CAC and its role. Ms. Morrison also stated she was interested in finding how the City municipal building could make steps toward being green with regard to the carbon footprint. Mr. Dentel suggested this item be discussed earlier in the meeting next month.

12. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:12 PM.

Tara A. Schiano
Secretary

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