

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

July 14, 2009

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Fruehstorfer presiding, Steve Beard, Steve Dentel, Bob McDowell, Ann Morrison, A.J. Prasad, Carol Riggs, Kass Sheedy, Fred Stiegler

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Emerson, Parks and Recreation Director

GUEST: Amy Roe, Newark resident

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD JUNE 9, 2009

Steve Beard amended Item #12 to read, "Townsend Hall" instead of "Townsend, Delaware." In the same paragraph, Mr. Prasad changed the word "pliable" to read "viable."

MOTION BY MR. FRUEHSTORFER, SECONDED BY MR STIEGLER: THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 9, 2009 MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Amy Roe, a Newark resident made a lengthy presentation on electricity and green energy. The CAC discussed Ms. Roe's proposal and made the following motion.

MOTION BY MR. DENTEL, SECONDED BY MR. MCDOWELL: THAT THE CAC RECOMMEND TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL THAT THE NEWARK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT PROVIDE ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS WITH THE OPTION OF MONTHLY ELECTRICAL METER READING OR CALL-IN/ON-LINE ENTRY, BY JANUARY 2010; AND THAT THE CITY DECIDE WHICH OF THESE OPTIONS WILL BE OFFERED, BUT THE MUST MAKE THE OPTION READILY AVAILABLE UPON CUSTOMER REQUEST.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

There was discussion about the fuel mix percentage. Mr. Fruehstorfer will contact Mr. McFarland for clarification on the fuel mix percentage and confirm this information is posted on the City website.

3. PROGRESS ON GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVES (LEED)

Mr. Fruehstorfer will contact Pat Fogg and/or Roger Akin to get further direction on how to proceed with instituting LEED initiatives to be considered by Council for inclusion into the City Code.

4. CARBON INVENTORY FOR NEWARK

Mr. Dentel and Ms. Morrison will continue working to put this project together for future discussion by the CAC.

5. FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION AND STORMWATER REGULATIONS

Mr. Fruehstorfer had nothing new to add at this point. Ms. Riggs suggested that Roy Lopata be asked to a CAC meeting to discuss any updates he may have on the topic. Ms. Riggs will follow-up with Linda Stapleford of the Watershed Management Committee regarding the proposals that were submitted to the City for review and discussion as they pertain to floodplain and stormwater issues.

6. PUBLICITY OF ANTI-IDLING ORDINANCE

Ms. Riggs spoke with Dana Johnston, Community Affairs Officer for the City, for direction in publicizing the ordinance. Ms. Johnston requested some quotes that she may use to compile a press release.

Mr. Fruehstorfer suggested the City erect Anti-Idling signs. Mr. Emerson suggested the Traffic Committee or the Chief of Police be consulted on how to proceed in this endeavor.

Mr. McDowell stated he would continue with his plan to publicize the new anti-idling ordinance when he returns to Newark High School in September.

Ms. Sheedy suggested asking Dana Johnston whether a mass mailing to the City merchants suggesting enforcement of this ordinance could be done. Ms. Sheedy will contact the Chief of Police about using the digital sign to post information about this ordinance as well.

7. COMMUNITY HABITAT

Mr. McDowell is in the process of filling out the form with the National Wildlife Federation for registering the City in the Community Habitat program. Townsend is the only other town in the state registered; however, they have not received their certification. Mr. McDowell will contact Council members to obtain their support on the Community Habitat program. He will also compile information for inclusion at the Community Day booth. He will inquire with Lowe's and Home Depot to solicit donations for the Community Day booth for the CAC to display.

Mr. Dentel will compile information that he obtained online in reference to anti-idling to hand out at Community Day.

8. A BETTER NEWARK AWARD

Ann Morrison is still waiting for the application from Embassy Suites.

MOTION BY MR. STIEGLER, SECONDED BY MS. SHEEDY: THAT THE BETTER NEWARK AWARD BE AWARDED TO THE COURTYARD MARRIOTT.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Beard will secure a picture to use with the Courtyard Marriott award.

9. REVIEW OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

There were no comments forthcoming.

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Riggs reported she emailed the final draft of the 2007 Annual Report to CAC members for their review.
2. Mr. Stiegler reported that he read an article in the *News Journal* stating that Delaware was ranked #9 in the country for being bicycle friendly, which was up from a ranking of #31 the previous year. Mr. Dentel added that the ranking was based on future plans.
3. Mr. Emerson advised that the Newark Bicycle Committee has been reformed and he is a member.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:24 PM.

Tara A. Schiano
Secretary

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