

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

September 8, 2009

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ajay Prasad presiding, Steve Beard, Steve Dentel, Bob McDowell, Ann Morrison, Carol Riggs, Kass Sheedy, Fred Stiegler

ABSENT: Tom Fruehstorfer

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Spadafino, Recreation Superintendent

GUESTS: Amy Roe, Newark resident

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD AUGUST 11, 2009

Fred Stiegler amended Item #10 to include, "Mr. Dentel was recognized by Council for ten years of service as Chair of the Conservation Advisory Commission."

MOTION BY MS. SHEEDY, SECONDED BY MR STIEGLER: THAT THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 11, 2009 MEETING BE APPROVED AS AMENDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Amy Roe, Newark Resident, asked to present her comments under Item #10 Electricity and Green Energy.

3. PROGRESS ON GREEN BUILDING INITIATIVES (LEED)

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

4. CARBON INVENTORY FOR NEWARK

Mr. Dentel discussed the software that will be used to put the project together for future discussion by the CAC. Ms. Morrison will draft a memo to Kyle Sonnenberg requesting cooperation with City Departments in obtaining data for the carbon footprint study.

5. FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION AND STORMWATER REGULATIONS

The Floodplain Proposal (part of the Environmental Regulations & Aesthetics Standards Update) was tabled at the August Planning Commission meeting. Ms. Sheedy will follow-up to see if the item appears on October's Planning Commission Meeting agenda.

6. PUBLICITY OF ANTI-IDLING ORDINANCE

Ms. Sheedy will ask Ms. Johnston if the City would be willing to send letters informing property managers about the anti-idling ordinance to make them aware of their accountability.

Ms. Riggs stated she received a preliminary quote of \$30 per sign that would advertise the anti-idling ordinance. A decision will have to be made on sign style/wording in the near future.

7. COMMUNITY HABITAT/COMMUNITY DAY

Community Habitat would be the primary focus of the CAC's Community Day. Mr. McDowell will provide materials from the National Wildlife Federation to be included in the booth at Community Day. In addition, he will make black and white posters and include a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in making their own backyard habitat. He will contact Alexander's to borrow a rain barrel to be included at the booth and supply information on the benefits/uses of collecting rainwater.

Mr. Dentel suggested information also be included on anti-idling. The CAC will follow-up by email or meet if they determine it to be necessary prior to Community Day.

Mr. Beard volunteered to do set-up and tear down of the booth.

Mr. McDowell stated he had not submitted the registration for the backyard habitat to the National Wildlife Federation.

8. A BETTER NEWARK AWARD

Ms. Morrison will forward the photographs to Tara Schiano to be used for the Courtyard by Marriott's award.

9. REVIEW OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

There were no comments forthcoming.

10. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ms. Amy Roe, a Newark resident, was present to follow-up with issues she raised at the last CAC meeting with regard to the integrity of the renewable energy provided to the customers of the City as part of the voluntary green energy program. She would like the CAC to take a leadership role in setting the standards for what the City's renewable energy should be. Mr. Dentel will follow-up with Mr. McFarland to obtain further information/explanations on the program.

Mr. Fruehstorfer will make a request to the City Manager to designate someone to explain at a future meeting the energy purchase program including when decisions are made, what energy is purchased and what standards there were to certify the energy purchases are certified renewable. Ms. Riggs suggested following-up at the next meeting of the CAC with constructing and implementing an energy conservation theory for the City.

- B. Ms. Riggs will forward the Annual Report to Tara Schiano for distribution to the CAC, the City Manager and City Council.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:44 PM.

Tara A. Schiano
Secretary

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