

04/08/09

Kingston C.A.C. Meeting

6:06pm meeting called to order.

1. Members present: Julie Noble, Gregg Swanzy, and Sidney Hymes.
Guests: Brendon Paton, Amanda LaValle, and Valeria Gheorghiu
2. The meeting was informal, being that there were not enough board members present. The committee decided to table making corrections until the next meeting on May 13, 2009. The next meeting we will work on setting up policy.
3. D.O.E. discussion by Amanda LaValle. Topics discussed:
 - a. How to share information between CAC's from different areas.
 - b. Amanda is willing to help with Kingston's CAC priorities and challenges.
 - c. Storm Water (MS-4). A combined water system draining to Esopus and Rondout. How to protect water resources?
 - d. Sustainability, energy conservation. Ulster County Government looking to reduce energy consumption 5% in the next five years. Is the city willing to do this? Ulster Co. government received stimulus money to do this.
 - e. Funding sources. How do other CAC's get funding? Council should speak with Rosendale CAC.
 1. CAC in Woodstock looking for funding for a biodiversity project, they formed a separate subgroup for funding.
 2. Which agency gets money from Federal stimulus package?
 - f. Revamping the recycling program. Posters available.
 - g. Natural resources. Watershed efforts planning. Open-space partnership, county plan, acquiring land for this.
 - h. Natural Resources Inventory*(NRI) ---Description of natural resources.
 - i. Grant writing for Federal stimulus money. How can we access this money?
 1. Who from Kingston is pursuing this money? Julie will follow up.
4. Agenda—new format. Located online: <http://www.kingston-ny.gov> (go to: city government, agencies, Conservation Advisory Council.)
5. E.M.C. report. Would council like to have representation on the E.M.C.? CAC possibly make suggestions/recommendations to the E.M.C.
6. Kingston, N.Y. has 30% diversion rate. How do we increase this?
7. Hudsonia training is going well.
8. Does CAC want to map resources? Watch Sailor's Cove project.
9. Suggestion to break CAC into committees.
10. CAC members going to Planning Board meetings. Rotating basis?
11. Recruitment: Several applications were received.
12. CAC solidifying priorities and reevaluating what board needs, then approaching public.
13. A meeting will be scheduled before the next meeting to set priorities and work on the by-laws.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28pm