



Kingston Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2012 6:30-8:30pm

Attendance:

Julie Noble, Chair
Judith Deming
Casey Schwarz
Gregg Swanzey

Guests:

Andrew Harris
Lillian Childress
Rich Schiafo

Meeting Minutes: The May 2012 and June 2012 CAC minutes were accepted with no amendments; Gregg Swanzey moved to accept, Judith Deming seconded. Motion Carried.

Guest Presentation

Andrew Harris, Green Procurement Intern with the Ulster County Department of Environment: Andrew spoke with the group about what regulations/resolutions/laws the County has on the books regarding the environment:

Low/no VOC Paint Policy/Regulation
Non-toxic landscape management (Bob Buser is the contact at the County for this)
30% Recycled Paper minimum content

The group discussed what can the county do/offer as part of Andrew's work:

County can possibly offer 1hr training on green procurement to City of Kingston staff
Share the plan for maintaining permeable pavement – ie. vacuuming (Kirkland vacuums theirs)
Can put together a janitorial "buy-list"

Andrew shared existing legislation, county preferable procurement program, county energy policy and will email them to the CAC.

His email is ajharris418@gmail.com

Old Business

- 1) CAC Student Position: Potential CAC Candidate: Lillian Childress, Local High School Student, can take information from CAC back to students, as well as use Facebook to promote CAC events and activities. CAC unanimously decided Lillian would be a good candidate. Julie will send a

letter to Mayor recommending her appointment. Lillian volunteered to maintain the Facebook page for the CAC. Julie will set up a meeting with her to permit access and discuss content.

- 2) CIX Designs – A discussion took place regarding their work on the website and potential hosting and domain fees. Julie will follow up with them and report back to the CAC at the next meeting. The CAC has been invoiced for \$100 for Annual Hosting and Domain Name purchase by CIXdesigns.

New Business

- 1) Public Service Commission Information – Rich Schiafo
PSC Staff is supporting, distributing, organizing workshops including train the trainer events to provide education on energy efficiency. Free literature is available and is especially targeting low income, seniors, and diverse communities. Many documents are available online at askpsc.com and click on the energy efficiency section. Lillian offered she could post information on the CAC Facebook page. Local contact is Jeremy Schneider. Locations that the CAC could post information include City Hall, Facebook, Website and Green Guide. The Kingston CAC signed on to participate in getting information out to the local community.

Reports

- 1) Planning Board (Casey)– Night Lighting Discussion. Planning Director uses meters to test. How is the data used and are there thresholds? Lace Curtain Factory will be Energy Star (no cost associated); they are bringing in a building scientist to determine what can be reused on site.
- 2) EMC Report (Julie): Creek Week is occurring this September and the meeting focused on planning for that. The meeting took place at the Rosendale Rec Center.
- 3) Public Safety/General Government: Neither Gregg nor Julie has made the last two meetings of the PS/GG/A Committee. The following dates were decided for CAC representation at these meetings:

July 26	Julie
August 23	Gregg
September 27	Julie
October 25	Gregg
November 22	TBD (Thanksgiving)
December 27	TBD (Christmas week)

Judith noted that she will be out of town until September.

NEXT MEETING: August 2, 2012, 6:30pm

Adjournment: 8:12pm, Casey moved to adjourn, Judith seconded.