



**City of Kingston  
Conservation Advisory Council  
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**Monthly Meeting Minutes  
City Hall Conference Room 1  
December 8, 2010**

**Roll Call:** 6:10 pm

**In attendance:**

**Board Members**

Valeria Gheorghiu (Interim Chair)  
Felipa Gaudet (Secretary)  
Judith Deming  
Sophie Dolamore  
Gregg Swanzey

**Public Comment**

Casey Schwarz – US Green Building Council meeting - update to the LEED requirements  
As of December 28<sup>th</sup>, new codes will be in effect for green building  
Historic – Mid-Hudson library

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of October and November meeting minutes – tabled until January

**Old Business**

1. New CAC members - Judith spoke with two people who might be interested. Allison spoke with someone who is interested in applying.

**New Business**

1. Climate Pledge
  - a. Climate Analyst position
    - i. Gregg sent an e-mail to some Common Council members in support of the city hiring the Climate Analyst as a city position.
    - ii. Valeria shared strong belief that the Climate Analyst be hired as a city employee. All members in agreement. She suggested that members of the community contact their Common Council member.
    - iii. Gregg will e-mail Steve to find out where this is in the process.
  - b. Each group in Jennifer Schwartz-Berky's class shared their specific projects. Some are working with students in Bailey and George Washington schools about why complete streets and trees are important.

- c. Melissa Everett contacted Valeria to request that she find space in City Hall for the Green Jobs committee January, February and March.
  - d. Valeria will call a meeting for Energy groups.
  - e. Gregg spoke with Guy Kempe about green renovations. Complete Streets are moving forward. Gregg is the Chair of the Rail Trail Committee. They just received a grant to make the many rail trails in Kingston more walkable and to connect them.
2. The Complete Streets Resolution was passed. An advisory council will be established. It will be comprised of 11 individuals and will include additional members who will be city employees.
3. Our CAC received an award from the NY State for the amount of work that our committee has accomplished. A specific focus was given to the Green Jobs portion of our pledge. Members can check the e-mail for additional details.
4. DEC Urban Forestry Grants – Valeria shared a potential grant opportunity that could include tree inventories and management plans, tree and shrub planting and maintenance and green infrastructure projects such as green roofs and rain gardens, removal of at risk trees for Emerald Ash Borer infestation and new plantings. Application must be postmarked by February 10, 2011.
5. Combined Sewer Overflow –
  - a. Judith shared concerns that the Common Council members left the meeting before the public comment period.
  - b. Emily Hauser shared an extensive comment regarding green and conscientious changing of sewer system.
  - c. Council members discounted reports by River Keeper. The reports determined the water quality near the sewage treatment facility was unacceptable on seven occasions and possible risk once from twelve sample dates.
  - d. Concerns were expressed about adequate public notice for the meeting.
6. Interim Chair – Valeria volunteered to be the Interim Chair – all in favor

### **Announcements/Communications**

Next regular Monthly Board Meeting: January 12, 2011

Valeria is the Secretary of the Ulster County Bar Association – Sojourner Truth reenactment will take place in April and the organization will launch a garden.

Sophie will attend a conference at SUNY at New Paltz on the watershed. She was invited by Clearwater.

### **Liaison Meeting Reports**

Planning Board meeting – January 10<sup>th</sup> – Felipa will attend

**Adjournment:** 7:25 pm