

**Conservation Advisory Council—C.A.C.
Minutes 2/4/09**

Meeting called to order 6:00pm

Attendance: Allison Taylor, Sidney Hymes, Nicole Schmidt, Julie Noble, Elizabeth Higgins, Andrew Meyer, and Gregg Swanzey

Chairperson Nominated: Julie Noble

Secretary Nominated: Allison Taylor

--The group voted and all were in favor of the appointed positions in the group.

Meeting:

1. Julie discussed how and what CAC groups do and what they are. She gave several examples:

- take open space inventories
- advise Common Council re: environmental issues
- publish information/formal literature
- report to the Common Council
- present projects and programs for public
- community service projects

The group is to go over handouts from meeting and come to next with questions or comments re: how our group will proceed.

2. There is a rain garden grant through Cornell Coop. Ext. for storm drain use. Master Gardener of AG program offered in March. CAC members who want to attend are welcome. It is a three yr. project for homeowners.

3. Julie reviewed the “10 commandments” of any CAC: (some examples)

- inventory of natural resources
- 1x monthly meeting
- publicize all meetings
- advise

4. Andrew asked about financial needs? Julie will research where and how money is handled. Should we apply for a grant? How is account held? By city?

5. The group looked over generic rules and procedures / by-laws. Do we, as a group, want to make our own by-laws?

6. Julie set a regular meeting date-----

2nd Wed. of the month, 6:00pm, Conference rm. #2-City Hall

Next Meeting—March 11, 2009

- come up with top 3 priorities that you would like for group to do
- review paperwork—questions/comments?

7. Who will run the meeting if Julie can not be here? The group decided to figure it out if instance comes up.
8. What is the difference between a CAC and a Conservation Board? ---We need to do a natural resources inventory first.
9. Julie will talk with Sue Cahill to meet with the City Planning Board re: expectations of the C.A.C...
10. We discussed the difference between the planning board and the planning dept.
11. The Landing Project was brought up for discussion. We would like our group to make recommendations to the planning board regarding this project.
12. We made some changes to the legislation, in terms of wording.
13. Hudsonia—Biodiversity Assessment Training---the group would like some members to participate. Julie will be taking the training. Anyone else interested can get in touch with Julie. Julie's [email---julienoble@kingston-ny.gov](mailto:julienoble@kingston-ny.gov)
14. The group would like access to maps of Kingston, Town of Ulster, and Ulster County. Julie will look into this. Also, DOT may have some.
15. Does city use a GPS mapping system? Julie will look into this also.

Meeting ended 7:30pm