

Kingston Conservation Advisory Council
Regular Board Meeting
6/3/09

Meeting Called to order: 6:07pm

Board Members Present:

Julie Noble, Allison Taylor, Judith Deming, Valeria Gheorghiu, Felipa Gaudet, Sidney Hymes, Andrew Meyer, Gregg Swanzey

Guests: Steve Noble

1. Approval of May 13, 2009 minutes. Allison made motion to approve minutes, Gregg 2nd motion. All in Favor.
2. July 8, 2009 meeting will be held in conference room 1---as long as it's available. All meetings will now be in conference room 1, if available.
3. Communications:
 - a. Mid-Hudson Ecological Services, LLC. This group offers training for CAC members in Hyde Park. Follow the link:
www.midhudsonecological.com.
4. Announcements:
 - a. Stream Bioassessment Institute—June 10-12. Training on stream assessments. Follow the link: www.hudsonbasin.org
 - b. July 21st. 1 day workshop at Norrie Point-Biodiversity Professional workshop. For info: ameyer@bard.edu
 - c. Making Trees Part of the Plan—information with Julie—or follow the link:
www.arborday.org
 - d. Ashokan/Stream Management Plan—presented by Liz Higgins at the E.M.C. meeting. To see plan: emh56@cornell.edu
 - e. E.M.C. meeting—Amanda LaValle reviewed the 2009 storm water report. Our county is doing well.
 - f. Andrew will be moving in September and will need to be removed from the CAC
5. Reports:
 - a. E.M.C.—Environmental Management Council. It is a meeting of CAC municipalities. We need someone to represent our CAC. Gregg offered to be our representative. Julie has been going to meetings. Gregg will be our rep. Thank You, Gregg!! Meetings are held last Wed. of the month at U.C.C.C.
*Julie will ask Mike Hein, our county executive, to appoint Gregg to a 3 yr. term.
 - b. Hudsonia Biodiversity Assessment Training Report—the group will be going into the field to survey land/habitats and will compile report of findings, make available for use.
 - c. Sue Cahill and the planning board will be coming to our Sept. or Oct. meeting.
 - d. Valeria went to the Hudson Valley Green Fair---to see the Woodstock Green Guide—for use by municipalities and individuals—email Valeria.
 - e. Valeria will draft a letter to the county re: pesticide /herbicide use in the city.
 - f. Financial Structure Update—meeting with Mike Cook and John Tuey. Monies—John Tuey will set up a Trusted Agency Account. We will need to have common council accept the money by resolution. Money will be put into city account. Do not need resolution for every donation, only significant donations- i.e.: land. Money will have no cap. Our account will be tracked through municipal website. All donations need to be approved by CAC before deposited.

- g. Mike Cook---local law. All changes have been made by Mike Cook—including grammar issues. There is now consistency with municipality and local law. Where mayor appeared---it is now worded as common council. Mike said the law will be controlling, not the resolution.
---letter J added/section 4—develop and conduct environmental programs. All members in favor of revised local law. Julie will forward to Jim Noble. He will have local law passed through the common council. Then it will be official.

6. Rules and Procedures:

We will be adopting them internally. Committee formed, including Sid, Julie, and Valeria. They will review/make changes and come back with ideas for our next meeting.

7. Board Recruitment:

Our 3 new members are in process of becoming official. We will be up to 9, until Sept. when Andrew leaves.

8. Board Priorities:

We are still organizing priorities and combining overlapping priorities. Judy thinks we need a vision/Valeria suggested an action plan. Andrew suggested we form sub-committees. Judy and Andrew will finalize list. Next meeting we will form committees to develop action plans.

9. New Business:

a. Guest Speaker—Steve Noble

Steve came to share proposal—SMART Program: Save Money and Reduce Trash. Should CAC submit letter in support of SMART Program?? Steve would be grateful for CAC support. He will be Presenting this proposal to the common council on June 23, 2009.

Judy made a motion to draft a letter to the common council in Support of the SMART Program. Felipa 2nd motion. All in Favor, But members are asking to review letter first before sending.

b. NYS Association of Conservation Commissions. CAC will join; membership is free the first year, \$75.00 for consecutive years. All members in favor.

c. Annual Meeting of the E.M.C/C.A.C.—representatives for Dept. of Environmental Conservation. June 15, 2009 9:30am-4:15pm.---at the Albany headquarters of the D.E.C.

Meeting adjourned: 8:21pm

---- motion made by Andrew--- 2nd made by Gregg

