

CAC April 19, 2021 Meeting

Welcome

Committee members call to order . The Citizens Advisory Committee is an advisory committee established by Resolution. It is open to all for membership, thru appointment by the Mayor. Anyone can be sub-committee member and there are plenty of opportunities to participate. Please email, call or text your interest, your comments, etc. to be included in next electronic meeting. Those of you reporting on the standing committees please have an updated report to me by the 15th of the month.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Zoning-

Mayor reported the City is preparing RFP for Comprehensive Plan to be updated, and include a waterfront zone, as well as green code. Also discussed was having City deemed Historic by SHPO. This opens more opportunity for grants, and cohesive look for future developments. SHPO not as restrictive as once was with limitations, but more practical.

Welcome/ Communications-

Sandie Mesler reported she had not heard from Jay. The Mayor suggested Sandie speak with Tracey Farrell (City Assessor). She has list and sends information to NEW residents, (owners of fee parcel, moving into area.) Sandie will summarize, or perhaps bring info to next meeting. Also, Ellen Schratz oversees events and tourism, may have some useful information.

Trolley & Shuttle-

Mayor reported this will run 7 days a week, from Discovery Center to Niagara Falls. There will be 3 trips per day, 10 am, 2 and 5 pm. It will coordinate with the mini shuttle with 14 stops, within the City, Hotels, Kenan Center, etc. Schedule is being developed and will be posted.

Lockport Locks & walking Tours need "docents". Learn about the City and educate others, many volunteers will make light work of the schedule. Please contact the Committee Chair Mayor Roman if you are interested. You will have some time to familiarize your self with the history, and site before tours are re-opened.

Arts & Culture Board-

Heather H. stated ASI helps with the grants and are currently writing grant for lock sculpture, proposes large heart shaped sculpture with solid metal, ornate per miter with infill of welded wire mesh for the locks, possibly two to be made.

Chalk Fest- has been orphaned and no one responsible or committed to event

Also updated thoughts on Bulletin Board, 3-5-year project, like clock restoration, maintaining period design.

Community Clean-Up – Or should it be Green-UP

Susan K P has several solo activities which everyone can participate in over the next few weeks. Spring has sprung and the area is looking great. Encouragement is given to be part of the largest environmental movement to green up the Earth, Particularly on Earth Day, April 22. Be part of the celebration and have the whole family pod or fly solo, head outside picking up litter, at the home, the yard, the street, the curbs, walks, at the business, parking lots, etc. Spring green-up should include plans for a new tree, or two create your own remembrance garden, sweep the curb, clear off storm receivers, and take a pledge. No reason not to develop or incorporate a new cleaner greener habit.

The work efforts for earth day April 22, activities to take place over the month of April and May celebrating all the Earth has to offer, and giving back, less pollution on the ground improves the soil, the air, and the water by eliminating the potential to pollute. This is solo activity so there is no excuse not to participate, also pass on the word, at school, at work.

You can also coordinate with Kathy O'Keefe, who oversees the annual Canal Clean Sweep, anyone can volunteer for any section of the trail. Contact Kathy at 201-1489 or visit in person at Windsor Village. Also go to Windsor Village [facebook.com/ events](https://www.facebook.com/events) or [windsorvillageshops.com](https://www.windsorvillageshops.com) events tab for more information.

ALSO, there is a section of trail that begins at the rr Xing at the top of the Market St Hill down past Scalzo Park over to Wide waters, approx. 1 mile to 1 ½ long . This area is the only area left in the City up for "Adoption". Need a committed business, organization, church, group to step up and commit to the clean-up. Please contact Kathy, for more details.

For all activities be prepared to get dirty, it is encouraged for you to bring your own tools and gloves, and a friend or two. Maybe a broom and garbage, leaf bag and recycle bags.

For your small group activity consider idea of pop-up clean up event to address public areas that are littered and need attention.

Consider adopting A-Street/Park or garden/green space/ area or just a tree.

Take the PLEDGE: As a sign to Clean up and Green up Lockport, see attached copy for participation. Please print out copy and post/BOAST your participation. Please note, the sign is good incentive for participation, as well as demonstrating pride in the community.

City Wide Yard Sale-

An outline of the program has been developed, need to procure costs for signage, and advertising, and finalize. Would look at small participation due to COVID, with ghost sales being recommended.

Also briefly discussed thoughts of Route 31 sales, Route 78, etc. As with other committees always looking for volunteers. The dates need to coordinate with Lockport in Bloom, Palace, City/ County Events. Also, it has been verified that the City-wide sale **does not** count as one of two personal sales.

NEW BUSINESS-

Peter Burke discussed Greenlight for Fiber Optics to the City, he will research and bring info to next meeting. Peter also is looking into establishing remote mini pantries in areas throughout the City.

Also should consider " tool/paint shed" for borrowing tools, paint exchange etc.

And a sidewalk hotline, to develop list of where walks needs attention, to pursue grants.

NEXT MEETING May 2021 electronic meeting.