



**THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
NEW YORK**

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Monday, March 5, 2012 6:30 p.m.**

**City Hall**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL**

**All Present**

**II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

**Councilman Rich made a motion and seconded by Councilman Boyd to accept the minutes of the Common Council meeting September 6, 2011**

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**III. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any resolutions not listed on the printed agenda.**

**ADD**

**VII. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**5. FROM MAYOR TKAZYIK, Quarterly Report-Fourth Quarter 2011.**

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Three (3) minutes per person up to 45 minutes of public comment on any agenda and non-agenda items.**

**Constantine Kazolias 47 Noxon Street:** First I would like to start off by saying that was a good presentation. I am glad that the Dyson Foundation is on board, because they are connecting all the dots between the Walkway, the Elevator, and now this. My concern is looking at what a quid pro quo is; you give something in exchange for something of equal value. After reading the lease for the 78 parking spaces it comes out to 44\$ per car per year, and the MTA is getting something like 55-60\$. I am going to say this publically as far as I am concerned something went wrong in that, because the City received the short end of the stick. I feel very strongly that something is wrong, and I believe that the deal was made by someone trying to enhance their position. The individual who signed this lease she can defend herself. There should have been an exit clause in that lease so that we do not have to worry about the 78 parking spaces, because parking is a critical aspect of any development especially down by the river. I say ask the MTA to rescind the contract in good faith, and let the Dyson Foundation develop the parking lot so they can incorporate it into the whole picture. In politics there are those that do and those that do not, those that do not criticize those that do. Once again I would like to say I am glad that the Dyson foundation is on board.

**Ken Stickle 118 Catherine Street:** I had the pleasure of coming to City Hall today to file for a building permit and giving the city some of my money for that, and I also had the pleasure of paying the City 60 dollars for three parking tickets. I would like to know why every Sunday I live on Catherine Street I am not picking on any churches, but every Sunday we take our lives in our hands when we pull off Catherine Street onto Mansion Street, both Streets are parked on both sides. Courteous parking should be no parking in front of the no parking signs. When I call the police about it I am told we are not giving out tickets, because god-forbid that we give someone a parking ticket that is in church. I am telling you it is a life or death situation pulling out on that street. My councilman knows about it, the councilwoman from the 5<sup>th</sup> ward knows about it, the board knows about it, and any other person on this council that has been up there knows that it is a life and death situation. I am asking that patrols come out on Sunday any time, half the time the church parking lot is not even full. I have also suggested let them go over and park in the City parking lot, and have them take the Shuttle buses, and shuttle them over with the bus. Eliminate courteous parking on these two streets and if somebody is parked in front of the no parking sign I do not care if it is on a Sunday hand out a ticket. It is inconsiderate to the people in the neighborhood when the neighborhood pays the property taxes in that area. Non profits I agree, because not all Non Profits can afford taxes, but I am a tax payer I pay taxes on my property, and so do my neighbors. It is inconsiderate to us and it is deadly because trying to get a fire truck or an ambulance down that street is

impossible it is a life or death situation, and we should not be put through this every Sunday, or any time that the Church holds a function.

**Mae Parker Harris 16 Allen Place:** I am here again tonight to say that I would like to see a press conference for the newly elected common council members for the City of Poughkeepsie for 2012 written up in the Poughkeepsie journal. I also would like to see something written up we just had our Black History Month Gwen Johnson is our first black Chair in the City of Poughkeepsie and there was nothing written up about her. This is a City of Poughkeepsie we had Black History Month and there was nothing. I grew up in this city and I think that our city history should be acknowledged here. Each month I understand that a recipient will be acknowledged for the work that they have done in the City of Poughkeepsie. I would also like to see the city readdress the smoking issue in Poughkeepsie. I do not smoke, nor have I ever smoked, I do not like smoking personally, but I would never put my likes and dislike restrictions on anyone else, because parks are big and I feel that there can be restricted areas where people can smoke. Smoking is legal it is not illegal, so therefore there should be a designated area where people can smoke when they are out with their families. I would like the council to readdress this so that people do not have to sneak around to have a cigarette. You are just placing more stress on people. When you are making decisions up here I would hope that you make decisions with the idea do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**Jill Salmon 284 South Avenue Central Hudson:** We have a letter that we would like to become part of the official record this evening supporting the Dyson Foundation proposal. Central Hudson supports the purchase of the upper landing property by the Dyson foundation. Their plan would permit our continued access to the electrical and natural gas facilities located adjacent to that property. Furthermore the Dyson Foundation is a responsible, well respected organization, and stewards of our community. The historic property would be preserved and improved, and plans include use as a public park providing broader access to the Poughkeepsie waterfront, and serving as a pathway for visitors near and far to the planned Walkway Elevator. The purchased and proposed project would benefit the City of Poughkeepsie, and the greater Hudson Valley community at large.

**Elizabeth Walstein Heart Walkway Over the Hudson 82 Washington Street:** I just wanted to mention a couple of things to the council, Mayor Tkazyik, and Administrator Long and that is just over the next few months when you are looking at plans for the city to think a little bit about signage and access to the walkway at Parker Avenue and Washington. We are working to try and improve those areas I have spoken the Mr. Parise and several of you so that when visitors come they can find the Walkway. We do not know why they cannot find it but we get calls often. I would like to thank the city for offering to put up more signs. We will be working to put up ten

more signs to direct both pedestrians and automobiles, so that people can get to the Walkway. I did want you to think about the no left turn on Parker. I know that was put there to try and ease the traffic, but I see a lot of people getting tickets when they take the left turn off Parker onto Washington. I do not think that this has completely solved the issue this was an attempt, but I think we need to talk about something else that could work in regards to the traffic on Washington and Parker. Secondly we are looking at funding for the Washington Street area we are looking for volunteers to help fix that up, and we look forward to working with you. I also want to thank the state parks who will be instituting a lower parking fee in the off season. Lastly we have a new volunteer coordinator Suzanne O'Neil she is a long time resident of Poughkeepsie, and she will be looking for the citizens of Poughkeepsie to help with the Walkway.

**Stephen 75 South Hamilton Street:** First of all I would like to say thank you for doing the public comment in the beginning of the meeting unlike the county legislator. I wanted to inform people today the audience and the officials here that CVH community voices heard will be holding a candidates forum for the special election that is coming up. We really hope to see everyone out there these elections are very important not many people come out to these special elections, and it is unfortunate the circumstances of why this election is coming up, but none the less it is very important because you cannot really complain if you do not have participatory action in your government. The forum is at the family partnership on 29 North Hamilton Street it starts at six, Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you all out there. Secondly the Walkway project with the elevator I think that is really cool and awesome it will attract a lot of tourist, but I hope it is done in an environmentally friendly way. I think this city as a whole can work together, be more environmentally friendly, and be more aware of our consumerism, and make sure we are preserving our natural resources. Also the two way market Street I heard that and I think that is really cool too.

**Mario Johnson 59 Fountain Place:** I would like to comment on behalf of legendary resident Mae Parker Harris she had a miss quote there when she stated that she would take an award from the mayor. She was really trying to say that she does not want the Poughkeepsie Journal to publicize some type of award given out to the city, but of course the honorable Mayor she would be glad to take any kind of award on behalf of the City of Poughkeepsie.

**Nancy Cozean Hooker Avenue** I wanted to say that I am glad to have heard today's presentation. I do know that there are other people who would like to hear this information and make comments. So I am hoping that tonight's comments although well taken will be well extended so that there can be other public hearings, and so that people can also make suggestions. There are a number of experts in the city and people that want to participate in this very important project. So I merely ask that those be posted so that people can

come who perhaps did not know about tonight's meeting. I thank you and wish you all well.

**John Milton 15 Morgan Avenue:** Normally I do not like to speak, but I am kind of angry. When someone gives me their word I expect it to be held as one man to another. I went out on a limb and told this business man that the mayor would be there, and you gave me your word that you would be there. You continually ducked my calls and never called me back. It shows a sign of disrespect. I have never disrespected you, but by what you did you disrespected me. It is not your name on the line. It makes me look like liar. I only put my name out there because you promised me that you would do it, but from now on I know where you are coming from and what your word means.

#### V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

**Mayor Tkazyik** – Thank you to the Dyson Foundation, and members of the Walkway over the Hudson for being present here tonight, and coming out to support and speak about the historic upper landing proposal. I think this is something that we are all looking forward too, and of course the public will have the full opportunity to speak, be heard, and understand this project, and to share ideas on this collaborative effort that the city is undertaking. I want to thank all for coming out on that. This past week we have had important information that the city has put out. The first is we had a press conference in the middle of the week with our fire chief Mark Johnson, and I was accompanied by council member Ann Perry, and our Council Chair Johnson about the suspicious fires that are taking place in the City of Poughkeepsie. We put the word out for the public and the community's help on this, and we also encouraged our residents if they see something say something, and to report any information that they have to the tip line. So again it is important that we get this information out, and be mindful of the grave circumstances that the city is experiencing with these suspicious fires taking place on several of the north side streets. Also I want to highlight and I know that Council Chair Johnson is also going to highlight that the City was mentioned in the recent addition of Forbes magazine. They listed the top cities in relation to job creation and Poughkeepsie was ranked number 3. They spoke about the resurgence that they see going on in our economic development opportunities especially as it pertains to the medical and educational fields. It was great to be pointed out in Forbes magazine. Outside of that Madam Chair later on in the evening I will submit to you the annual March 1<sup>st</sup> financial report.

#### VI. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

**Chair Johnson** - with the ever looming abandoned and vacant properties that plague our city, as a direct result of our nations spiraling out-of-control economy...

And, now with our city facing these fire/safety vacant properties situations, we need to come together as a community. Re-establishing our neighborhood block watch associations, and being pro-active with our new technologies, using our cell phones to photograph suspicious individuals and calling our tip hot line # 451-7577.

We should also install motion detectors around our residential properties when feasible as a deterrent to nighttime criminal activities, bearing in mind to keep a watchful eye on spectators who are observing our Firefighters at these arsonist scenes.

As our 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilwoman Ann Perry stated at the Mayor and Fire Chief Johnson's press conference "The life and home you save, may be your own" so please report any suspicious persons and or activates.

Now, for some good news, in the latest addition of Forbes Magazine has listed our City of Poughkeepsie the "Third Best City for Jobs". Jobs at the educational institutions that surround the city and our very own Vassar Brothers Medical Center, so congratulations Poughkeepsie.

I would also like to congratulate our two senior school board members Randy Johnson and Raymond Duncan on their "Board of Excellence Award" and for participating in NYS School Boards Association Leadership Development Program", receiving 150 points in excellence.

Poughkeepsie being the home of the arts, I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Producer Mr. Rodney Douglas of the "The New Day Repertory Company" on yet another successful production "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial Play" which was enormously exciting and entertaining. Opening night was well attended with many dignitaries and devoted fans at the "Cannan Hackett Theatre". Congratulations again to you Mr. Douglas and the wonderful talented actors and Director Lynrod Douglas.

Now for the moment we have all been waiting for...our February Volunteer of the month Mr. Dominic Letterii. Please come up Mr. Letterii and receive your for making a positive difference in the lives of our Senior Citizens in Poughkeepsie.

**VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:**

1. **A motion was made by Councilmember Rich and seconded by Councilmember Boyd to receive and print.**

**Corporation Counsel Ackermann** informed the Council that what they have before them is a simple parking change on Rinaldi Blvd, what it will do is add an end-zone to the exit and entrance of Shadows. This comes at the recommendation of the Police Department in the City There is a sight distance issue currently as you are exiting Shadows making a right onto Rinaldi Blvd, there is no end-zone for the parking so cars park right up to the driveway causing a sight distance and a safety hazard so this will add a “No Parking Zone” which is equivalent to two parking spaces in front of Shadows right there.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-180  
OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES  
AND TRAFFIC”**

**(O-12-03)**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICH**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** §13-180 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by the following additions and deletions:

**Section 13-180 Parking prohibited at all times.**

When appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected, parking upon the following streets or parts of streets shall be prohibited at all times:

**Rinaldi Boulevard, west side, from its intersection with Hurlihe Street beginning at a point 124 feet there from southerly for a distance of 48 feet.**

**SECTION 2:** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOYD**

**ADDITIONS** denoted by **Bold** and **Underlining**

**DELETIONS** denoted by Brackets [] and ~~Strikethrough~~

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**IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**FROM CHAIRWOMAN JOHNSON AND MAYOR TKAZYIK**, a presentation honoring Harry Godshell for being a good samaritan for his charitable contribution to the City of Poughkeepsie for his repair of the vandalized sign. He came forward and gave the city a check to repair the sign.

- 1) **FROM NUBIAN DIRECTIONS**, a presentation regarding the Department of Labor Grant to clean Fall Kill Creek.

Dublin Directions Presentation



***What is the history of the Fall Kill Creek?***

The Fall Kill Creek is located in the City of Poughkeepsie. Under President F.D. Roosevelt, the creek was channelized through a series of stone walls during the "New Deal Era". Approximately, 2.5 miles of stone walls were built on both sides of the creek's full length (3.1 miles).

For decades and years to come, the Fall Kill Creek plays an important role in the city's combined sewer system. Under normal conditions both sewer water and storm water flow to a water treatment facility. However, during heavy rainstorms the excess water overflows directly into the Fall Kill Creek.

**Hurricane Irene** – On August 28, 2011, Hurricane Irene dumped more 7-9 inches of rain in the Mid-Hudson/Dutchess County region. One of the hardest hit areas in the City of Poughkeepsie was the densely populated Northside community. The overflow of rain and storm water forced the evacuation of hundreds of low income city residents from their homes and apartments.

On August 31, 2011, President Obama issued disaster declaration # FEMA- 4020-DR Hurricane Irene for the State of New York that triggered the release of Federal funds to help individuals and communities. Dutchess County was designated as an Individual Assistance (IA) and a Public Assistance (PA) county.

The extensive flooding of the creek during Hurricane Irene has forced local residents, city officials, and community groups to address the need to repair the Fall Kill Creek stonewalls and watershed areas.

Today, many areas of the stone walls are bucking and bending into the creek and the foundations of many walls have been eroded away. It is safe to say that the flooding will be more severe and will cause greater property damage

***Where did the funding come from?***

Funding for this project, approximately \$4.2 million is provided by a National Emergency Grant sponsored by the NYS Department of Labor. This project is contingent upon final approval by the Dutchess County Legislature.

***Who will manage the workers and the scope of the project?***

Nubian Directions is proud to announce a major work project that will hire approximately 200 Laborers to clean, repair, and restore the Fall Kill Creek in the City of Poughkeepsie. This is an exciting community work project that will enable hundreds the opportunity to work on an environmental project that will have far reaching positive impacts for years to come.

***How do I apply for a position working at the Fall Kill Creek?***

All interested candidates must complete the on-line application to the best of your ability and secure the necessary documentation in order to be considered for the position you are applying for. If you need assistance please stop by Nubian Directions for assistance in filling out an application located at 248 Main Street Poughkeepsie NY 12601.

***What is required of a Fall Kill Laborer or worker?***

All laborers will be required to walk and stand in slow moving and standing water for a long period of time. The primary task includes removing large and heavy objects from the Fall Kill Creek. These are the various items that will be removed from the creek (garbage, cans, containers, bulk items, tree branches, stumps, rocks). The items will be removed from the creek and properly discarded.

The Fall Kill Creek debris removal work will be very physically challenging and tiresome. Electric or power tool will not be used during the restoration or debris removal phase. Some large stones and heavy rocks will need to be removed or displaced by hand or by non-power tools. Workers will be required to lift objects up to 50 pounds or less.

***Is the work dangerous and/or hazardous?***

This is a hazardous work environment. Employees will be trained and required to work around the following hazards: poison plants, insects, snakes, rodents, broken glass, syringes/needles and other sharp objects. Participants are warned not to drink or play in the creek water.

***How do I learn more about the Project?***

To learn more about the project, information sessions will be held at Nubian Directions each Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 and at The Beacon Community Resource Center from 3:30pm to 5:30p.m. starting March 16, 2012 and will continue until completion of project.

***How much per hour can a Fall Kill Laborer earn and how many hours per week?***

Fall Kill workers will earn \$30.71 per hour, up to a maximum of \$12,000. At 30 hours per week a worker can work up to six weeks. **ALL EMPLOYMENT CONNECTED TO THIS PROJECT IS TEMPORARY**

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### Eligibility Requirements & Qualifications

- Individuals who temporary or permanently lost their employment as a result of Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee
- Dislocated workers as defined under the Workforce Investment Act, who are unemployed
- Long-term unemployed individuals who have not worked in the last 27 weeks
- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age
- Pass a mandatory Drug Test and a criminal background check
- Be able to lift up to 50 pounds

Application Process (ongoing until project is completed – dates below are tentative)

1. Pre-Screening: Complete online intake application (on-going)
2. Assessment and verification of eligibility by Dutchess One Stop (March 5 – 16) (All attendees must come to the assessment with one of the following, otherwise they will be deemed ineligible: Driver's License, NYS ID, Birth Certificate, Baptismal Record, Passport or NYS Benefit Card)
3. Interview and final selection by NDI (March 5 – April 2)
4. NDI referrals of potential employees to the temp agency for employment processing (March 19 – 23)
5. Attend NDI 4-day Orientation/Training (March 26 – 29)

### *Who are the community partners that are involved?*

Nubian Directions would like to thank our collaborative partners: Dutchess Workforce Investment Board/Dutchess One Stop, City of Poughkeepsie, YouthBuild USA and Clearwater.

**Anticipated first day of work: April 2, 2012.**

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**PHASE I - (High Impact) - Debris Removal** - The Fall Kill Creek bottom is covered with large and slippery rocks. The going is slow and some sections of the creek are very challenging. Removal of trash, tires, car parts, broken bottles, trash, cinder blocks, baby carriages, shopping carts, folding chairs, refrigerators, metal, and other household and solid waste items along the 2.9 mile city stretch of the Fall Kill Creek. Rubber rafts and flotation devices will be used to remove solid waste items to a low creek bank area. Workers will remove items from the water and load items onto dump trucks for disposal. Workers will be required to wear adequate foot wear, gloves, goggles, helmets, and waders.

**April – May**                      **75 Youth Laborers and 10 Crew Managers/Supervisors**

**PHASE II- (Medium Impact) - Vegetation Removal/planting** - Workers will be involved in removing dead trees, stumps, logs, brush, and other intrusive vegetation. The work includes clearing of underbrush and invasive plants, native plant identification, mulching and raking, soil preparation, seed planting, and placing/planting or relocating of trees and shrubs that threaten the stability of the existing wall.

**June – July**                      **75 Youth Laborers and 10 Crew/Supervisors**

**PHASE III- (High Impact) - Creek Bed** - YouthBuild workers perform various types of erosion prevention work, which will consist of but not limited to: the installation or repair of rock rip-rap or other permanent stream bank stabilization measures, excavating a pad at the toe of the slope to enable wire mesh (gabion) baskets to be installed and filled with rock fill/creek rock. After the toe of the slope is stabilized, the eroded bank will be re-graded to enable a geo-synthetic mat to be installed and the bank to be re-vegetated. These bank stabilization methods are commonly labor intensive and environmentally safe and non-intrusive.

Stream channel restoration (including excavation/removal of sand, gravel and bedrock, and the use of temporary coffer dams and fill) to pre-flood depth, width, gradient and channel character matching the stable stream channel upstream and downstream of the project area in order to protect water quality as well as protect or restore structures such as roads, utility lines, bridges, houses and other pre-existing buildings.

Repairing of Stone Walls - Skilled Mason and Stone workers will repair crumbling and deteriorated walls. Stones will be moved and sealed into place to repair various areas and sections of the retaining wall. Repointing will occur in many areas to ensure that stones are sealed and secure within the wall. Removal of deteriorating section of walls and building up of eroded and washed out areas along the creek.

**August – September**      **45 Youth Laborers, 10 Crew Managers/Supervisors, 5-10 Skilled Laborers**

**WATER QUALITY MONITORING - (Low Impact)** - AmeriCorps volunteers will be trained on how to conduct water chemistry and biological studies. All Fall Kill Creek Water Quality monitoring workers will be trained on water quality monitoring methods and data interpretation and analysis throughout the project. **(Ongoing) April – September**      **5 AmeriCorps Workers and 1 Crew Manager/Supervisor**

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**TIMELINE** - Timeline overview of the major tasks NDI will complete during the FDR Project.

Timeline of Project tasks Time Period	Task Description
January/February of 2012  February 15 <sup>th</sup>	YouthBuild/DOL Proposal development initiated  Permitting discussions with NYS DEC
March    April	Project to commence with Fall Kill Creek Press Conference – (Project Kick-off)  Equipment ordered and staff trained  Poughkeepsie Intake of applications  1 <sup>st</sup> Orientation & OSHA/Safety Training 75 employees  <b>(On-going)</b> Water Quality testing (Clearwater)  <b>Phase I</b> - Clean Up/Debris removal Permitting discussions with Clearwater  Environmental discussions with Clearwater and Fall Kill Creek Committee and City of PK  Survey and Mapping of FKC with City of PK Engineering Dept.
April	Engineering survey completed and review by stakeholders & project staff  Begin planning and prioritization of wall restoration areas  Field crew commence debris/garbage removal work on Fall Kill Creek
April/May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Orientation & OSHA/Safety Training 75 employees  <b>Phase II</b> - Intrusive Vegetation Removal & Clean-up (Clearwater & DPW)

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June/July	3 <sup>rd</sup> Orientation & OSHA/Safety Training 45 employees
July/August	<b>Phase III</b> - Contact Local Brick Layers Association to identify Stone Cutters and Masons for wall repair and restoration
	Wall Restoration begins
September	Clearwater beautification project at FKC with community volunteers  All debris removed from FKC  Project Completed – Closing Ceremony

# Fact SHEET



## NY WORKS: NEIGHBORHOOD REBUILDING CORPS

### National Emergency Grant Facts for Disaster Impacted Areas

#### What is the Disaster NEG?

The United States Department of Labor awarded the New York State Department of Labor (NYS DOL) a disaster National Emergency Grant (NEG) for up to \$16.1 million to hire temporary workers to assist in recovery of damages caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, and to assist with humanitarian efforts to aid the community, in the following disaster-impacted New York State counties:

Albany, Broome, Bronx, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Essex, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Kings, Montgomery, Nassau, New York, Orange, Otsego, Oneida, Putnam, Queens, Rensselaer, Richmond, Rockland, Saratoga, Schoenectady, Schoharie, Suffolk, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, Ulster, Warren, Washington and Westchester.

This initiative will aid in the recovery of disaster-impacted areas, restoring public infrastructure and services so that regular business and employment activities can be resumed, as well as to work on projects that provide humanitarian assistance to victims of the disaster.

#### What services are available?

NEG workers can be hired for construction/laborer positions on public worksites where authorized clean-up, restoration, and service (humanitarian) activities are performed related to the covered disaster. Duties may include debris removal, clearing roadways, buildings/grounds clean-up and other projects as required. NEG workers also can be hired for humanitarian efforts such as those associated with

providing housing, clothing, food, and community outreach to ensure people are aware of benefits and services available to them and support to complete paperwork.

#### What is a qualified worksite?

Worksites include, but are not limited to: roadways, county/municipal buildings and grounds, state and local parks, school buildings and grounds, libraries, public utilities (e.g., water and sewage treatment facilities) and other sites where a public entity has authority to perform such services.

Worksites must be:

- 1) located in the geographic area covered by a FEMA declaration eligible for public assistance
- 2) fully documented and approved projects with the New York State Department of Labor.

The state will prioritize the worksites for temporary jobs with the highest priority given to public facilities that have been most severely damaged, consistent with the strategic plans of the community. Generally, worksites will be limited to public and private non-profit facilities.

#### Who is eligible to hire NEG workers?

Counties, towns, villages, government agencies, public education entities, and non-profit organizations assisting in recovery efforts all can directly hire NEG workers.

Or, these entities can tell NYSDOL the types of workers needed and the Department will deploy these



workers to qualified worksites through contracts with temporary staffing agencies. The temporary agency is the employer of record and will work with NYS DOL to find eligible workers through our talent bank. The entity will make the hiring decisions and must provide proper supervision.

**Can the NEG be used to offset the cost of supervision?**

YES. The employer of record can use grant funds to pay (offset) wages of existing employees who directly supervise NEG workers, determined by the percentage of time they spend on such supervision.

**Who is eligible to be hired as a NEG worker?**

One-Stop Career Centers will assist with recruitment and identification of eligible NEG workers. There is no residency requirement for NEG workers. Eligibility requirements are:

- Individuals who temporarily or permanently lost their employment as a result of Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee. Give priority to this group of individuals.
- Eligible dislocated workers, as defined under the Workforce Investment Act, who are unemployed.
- Long-term unemployed individuals (defined as jobless for 27 weeks or more).

**What is the maximum duration of employment for NEG workers?**

Employment of a NEG worker cannot exceed 6 months (or 1,040 hours). Once that duration is reached, a new NEG worker can be brought on to complete work on the project.

**What are wage requirements for NEG workers?**

Total wages paid to a NEG worker cannot exceed \$12,000, excluding the cost of fringe benefits. Wages

must be paid at the higher of the Federal, state or local minimum wage, or the comparable rates of pay for individuals employed in similar occupations by the same employer.

The employer of record is also required to provide NEG workers the same benefit package provided to workers hired in comparable job titles. If the employer has different policies for temporary employees than for full-time employees, these policies may apply to NEG workers since the jobs under this grant are classified as temporary.

**Can the Grant be used to purchase work-related items for NEG workers?**

Yes. Work-related and personal safety equipment such as work gloves, steel-toed boots, hard hats, uniforms, and small tools can be purchased under the grant.

In addition, State and Federal health and safety standards are also applicable to working conditions of NEG workers engaged in this temporary employment.

**Can private property be a qualified worksite?**

Disaster Relief work by NEG workers may be performed on clean-up of private property impacted by the covered disasters if workers from units of general local government are also (a) authorized to conduct such work and (b) are performing such work. Garbage or limb removal is an example of government work authorized to be done on private property.

If the local government is not authorized to perform work on private property, the property owner will need to complete a release form to authorize both the local government and NEG-funded workers to perform disaster-related work.

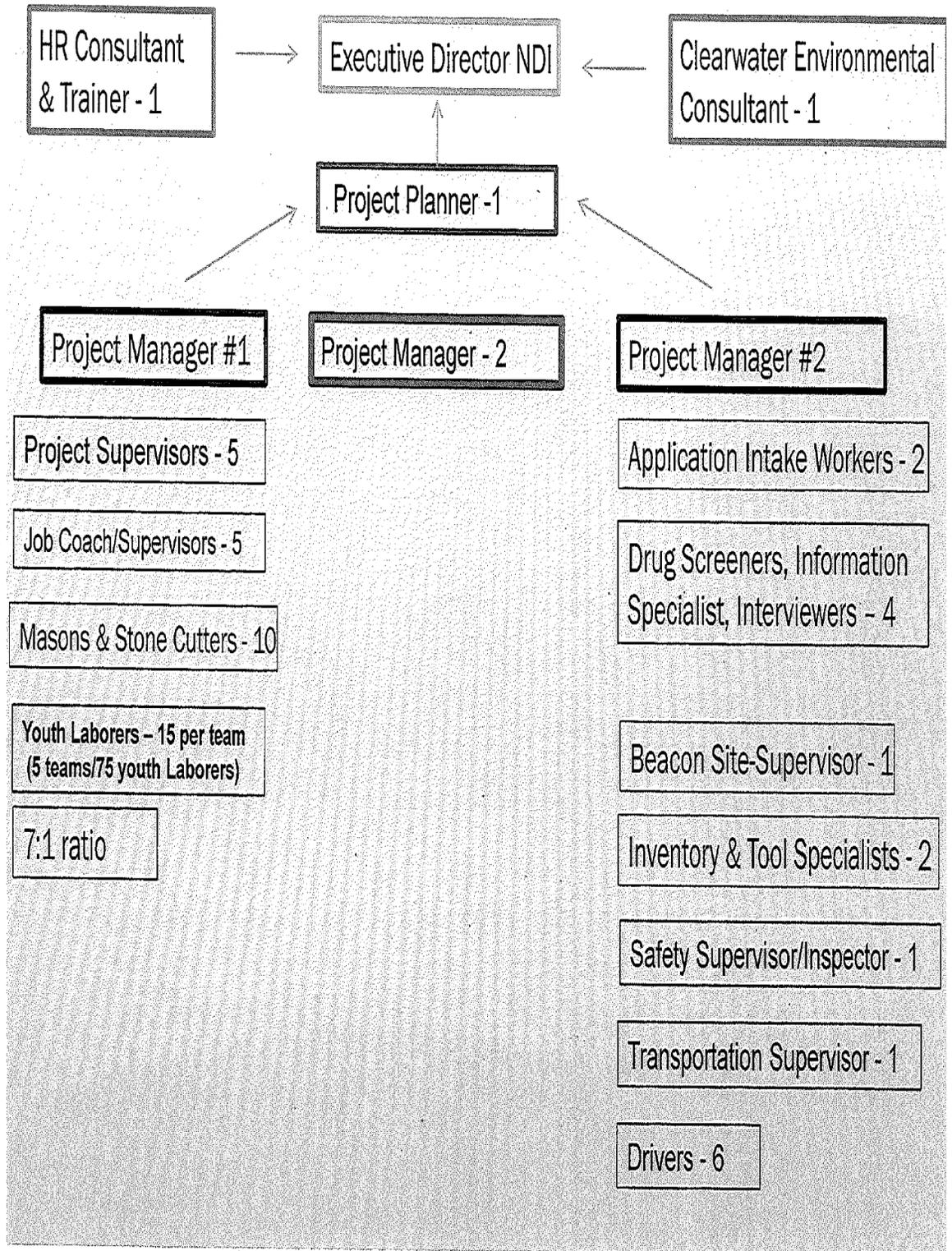
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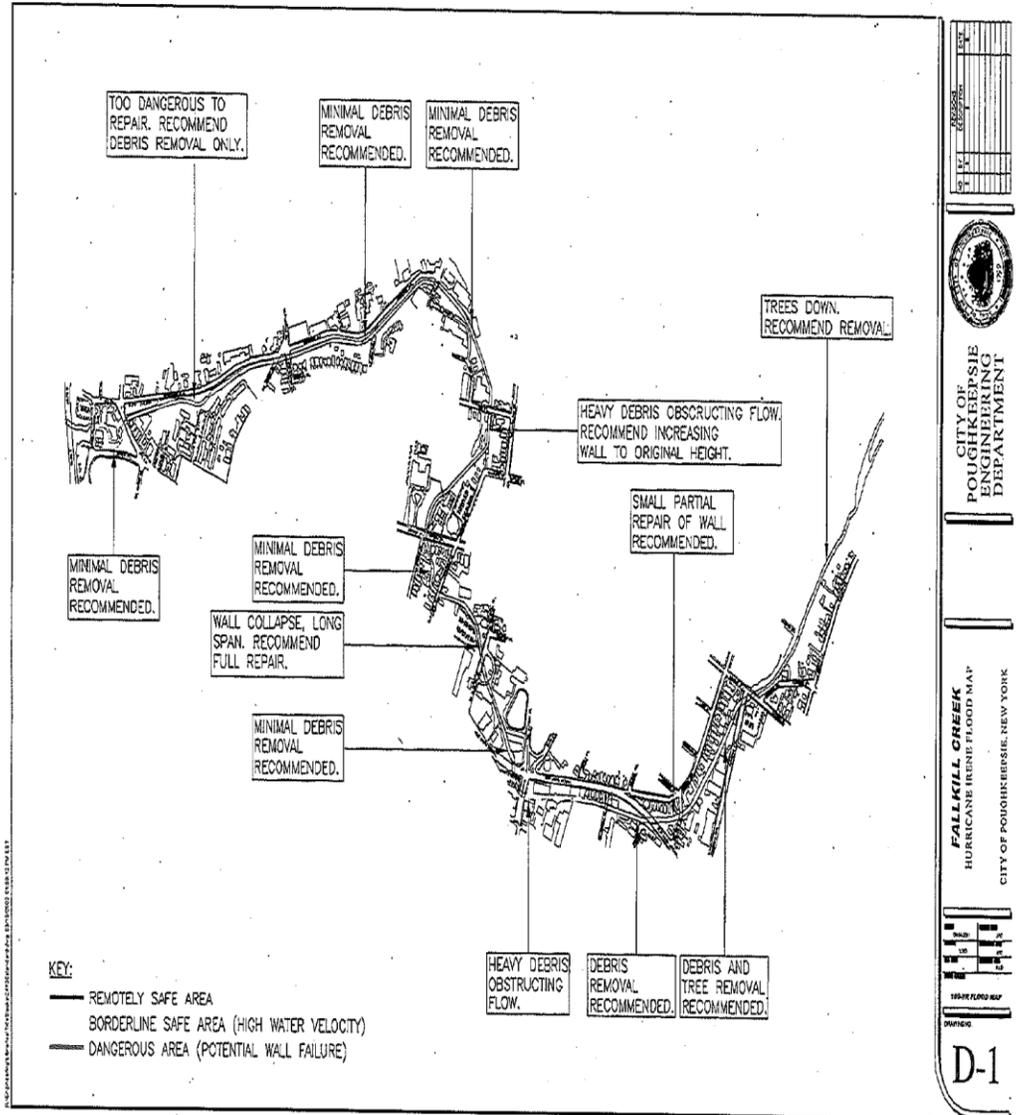
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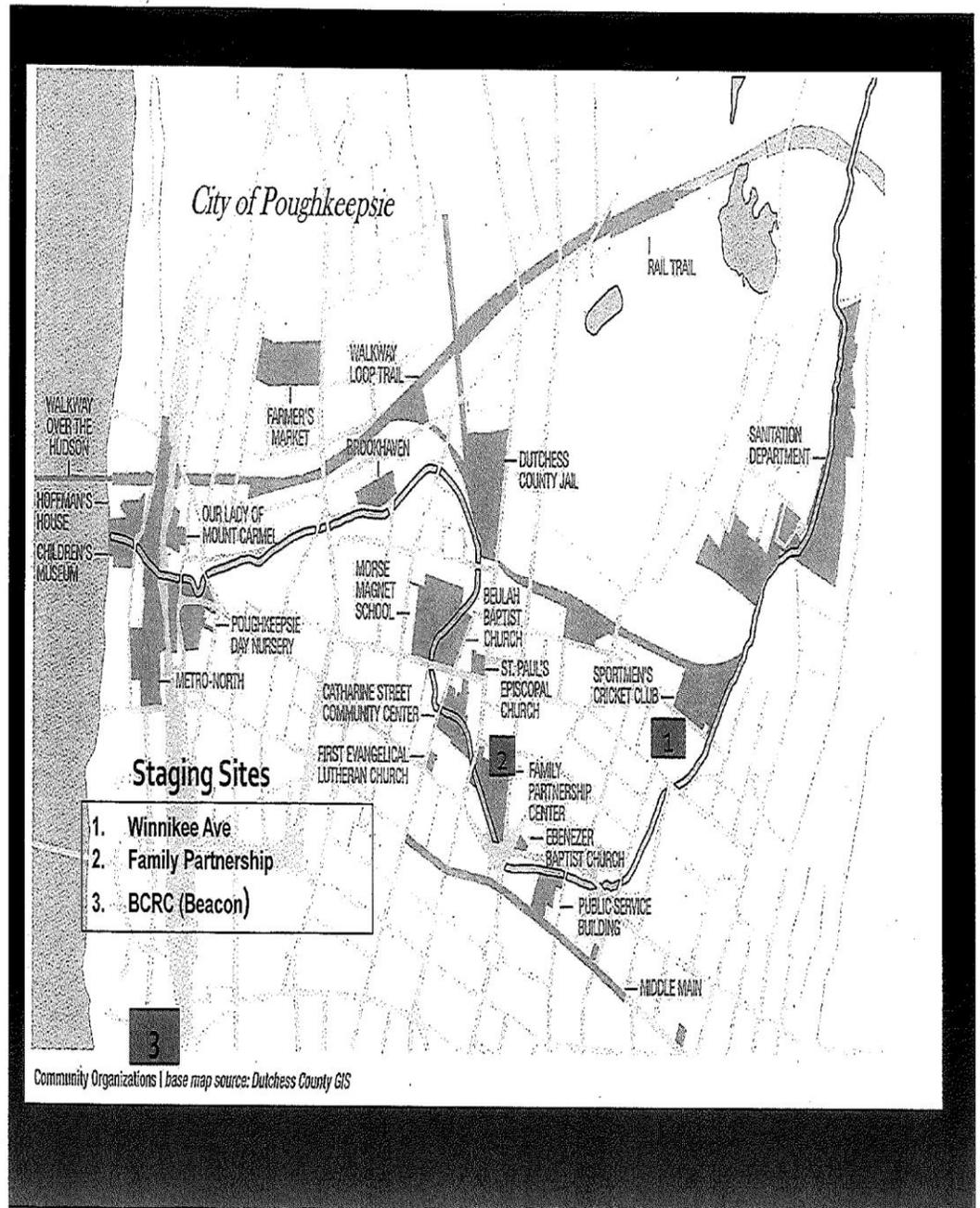
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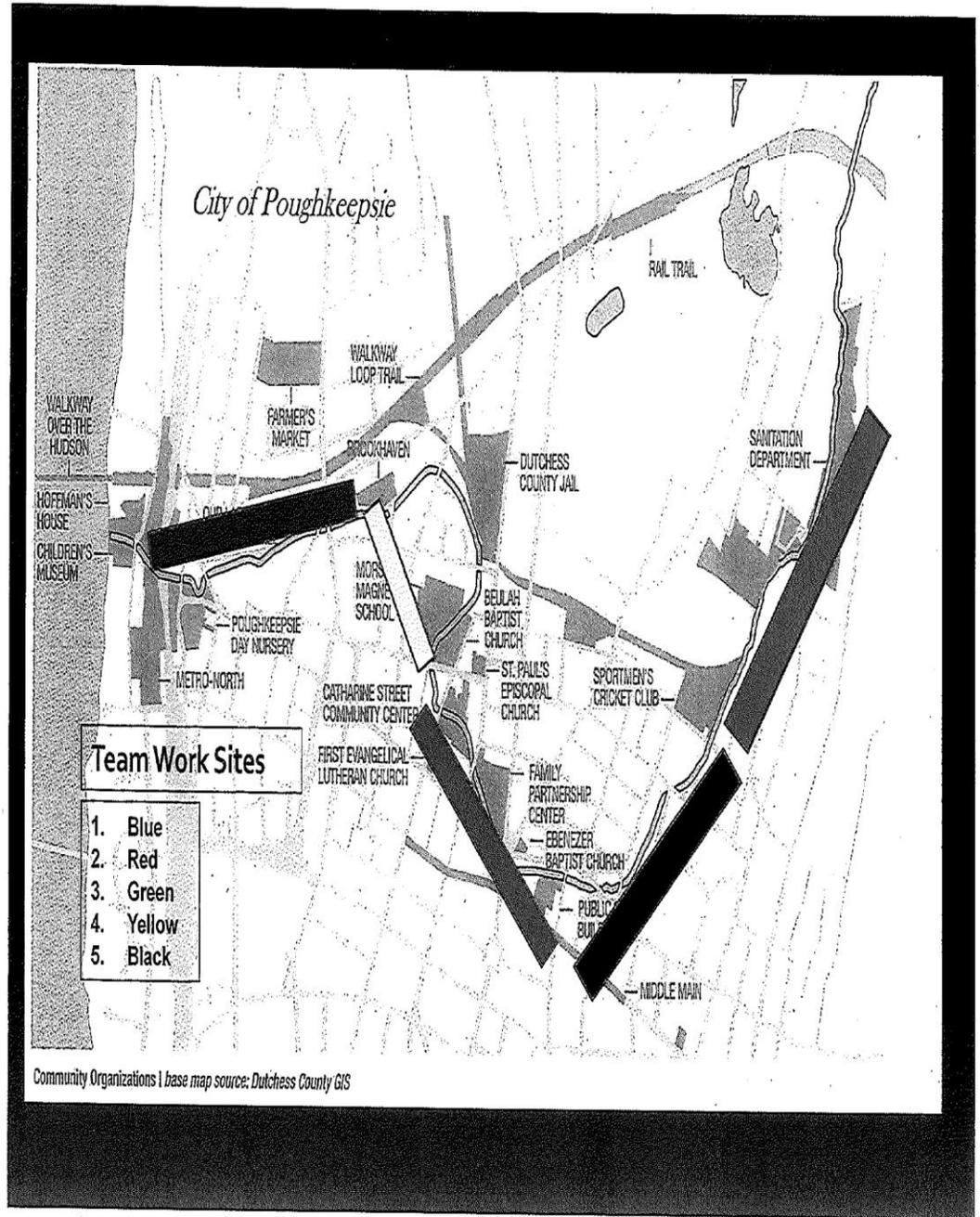
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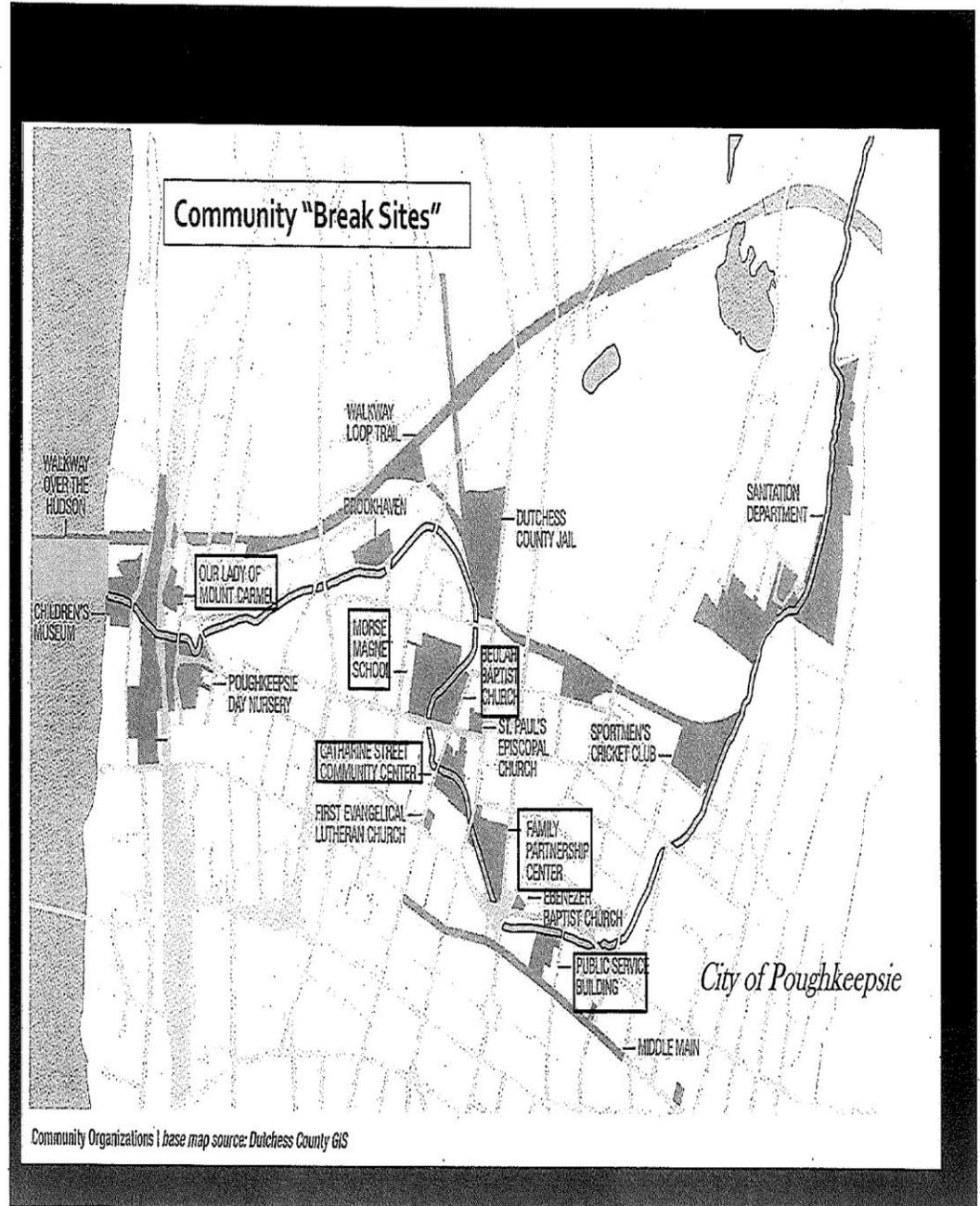




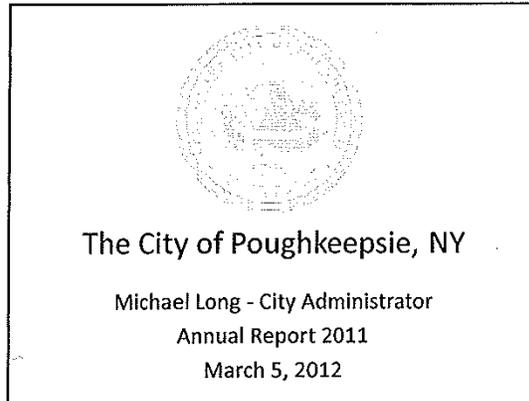








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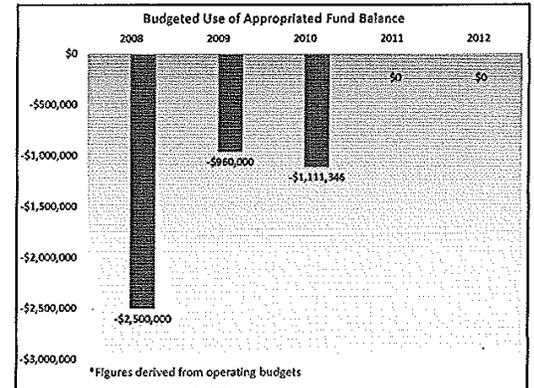
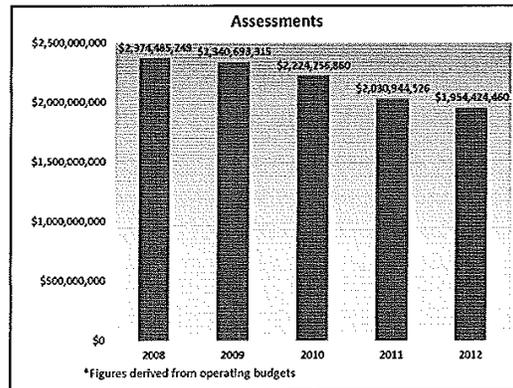
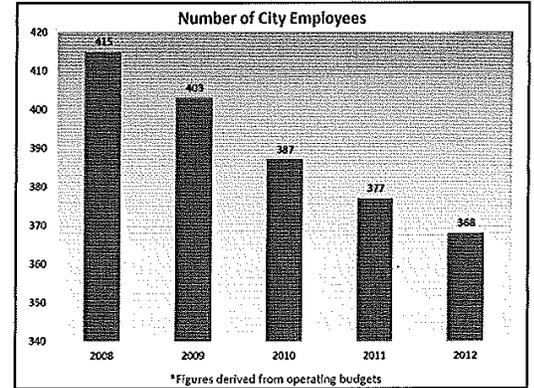
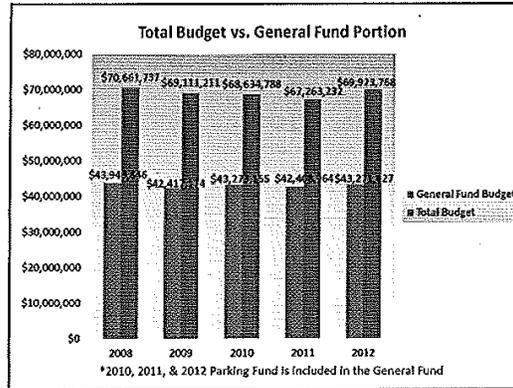


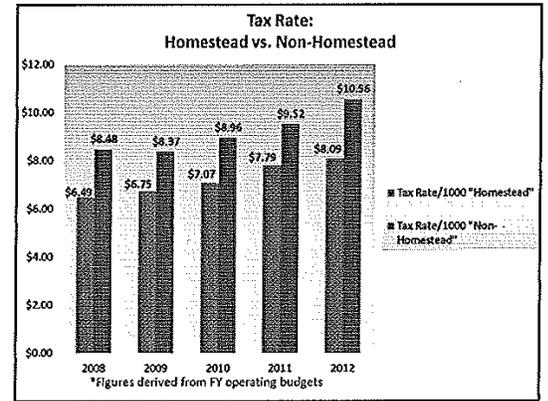
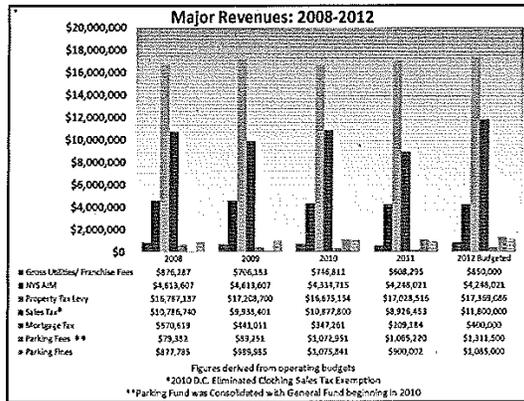
**2011 Annual  
City Administrator's Report**

- Overview: Section 3-06 Administrative Code
- Reorganization Efforts
- Budget Impacts and Trends
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Individual Department Summaries

- Department Heads for 2011**
- Department Heads:
    - Ron Knapp – Chief of Police
    - Mark Johnson – Fire Chief
    - Richard DuPilka, PE - Commissioner of Public Works
    - Gene DeMarco – Commissioner of Assessment
    - Milo Bunyi – Commissioner of Finance
    - G. Brian Morgan – Corporation Counsel
    - Deanne Flynn – Chamberlain
    - Laura Wojtowicz – Development Director

- Budget Impacts and Trends**
- Gov. Cuomo's 2% Tax Levy Cap
    - Minor items allowed in addition
    - Requires a 90%+ majority vote of the Common Council to override
    - Tax levy provides 24.8% of the overall budget which = 0.05% revenue increase
  - Elimination 47 positions through attrition, retirements, terminations & reorganization (12.8% workforce)
    - 2008 = 415
    - 2011 = 368 reduction over the last 4 years
  - Reduction of City Sponsorship of Community Events
    - 2008-2010 = \$381,568 savings, more in 2011
  - Elimination of Solid Waste Pick-Up at Commercial / Residential (411 Properties)
    - Estimated saving \$400,000 adopted with the 2011 Operating Budget
  - Technology Issues Addressed including new ticket system and additional scaffolds resulting in overall \$1m in revenue
  - Dept. of Health "Lead Grant" implemented through the Building Department
  - Retirement Incentive 2009 (11 participants) Effects:
    - Police Dept. hardest hit – several recent hires and delays due to academy cancellations in 2010





- ### Capital Improvement Plan
- In 2008 Evaluation Completed Previous Debt Service Schedule (Determined Unsustainable)
  - Approved bonding of \$11.86m resolutions were reduced \$6.66m by Common Council resolution
  - 2011 CDBG program was utilized to offset capital costs Street paving, Concrete Sidewalk Program, Water Line and Sewer Line rehabilitation projects., Pedestrian bridge over the Fall kill Creek(Walkway Elevator) delayed until 2012
  - Police Cars and DPW Sanitation Truck
    - Included in operating budget as "lease to own" financing plan.
  - DPW Major Equipment Replacement Plan –
    - Anticipated in 2012 through a "lease to own" financing plan arranged through Finance (APPROVED BY Common Council)

- ### Capital Improvement Plan
- Hoffman St. Bridge, awarded the largest PDCTC -ARRA \$12.9m Stimulus Grant (100%)
    - Steel erections beginning in March 2012
  - Market Street – Two way conversion (Request to TIP)
  - Creek St. / Little George St Intersection Project (TIP)
  - Bus Hub – Market St.
    - In design phase, several FTA grants included.
  - DeLaval Site Project nearing completion
    - NYS Brownfield Remediation \$9,325,400 grant
    - \$738,000 Walkway project grant via Congressman Hinchey
    - \$300,000 NYS Parks grant
    - \$500,000 NYS Dormitory Grant Senator Saland

### Development Efforts

- Encouragement of Private Development through Partnerships
  - Hudson River Housing / Homeless Assistance
  - 23 Academy Street \$2.395m Restore NY grant to continue with the adoption of the 485A Assessment Local Law (city, school district and county adopted separately).
- VBMC \$66m Expansion Project
  - Under construction – portion project taxable with PILOT anticipated through the Dutchess County Local Development Corporation (LDC)
  - 800 Car Parking garage opened in 2012

### Development Efforts

- TOD projects with Metro North RR
  - NYS DOS grant Market Analysis
  - Federal Transit Grant
- Restaurant Openings
  - Brasserie 292
  - Z's Deli
  - Union Station
- City Properties Reinvested
  - 40 Cottage St. – sold and under renovations
  - Winnikee House to Nubian Directions
  - Cottage St. Warehouse to Nubian Directions
- BRAC Project “On-Track” via CPIDA
  - Hudson River Housing / Family Partnership Center

### Youth Services

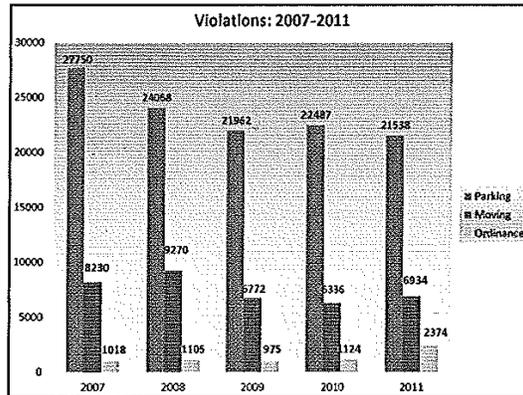
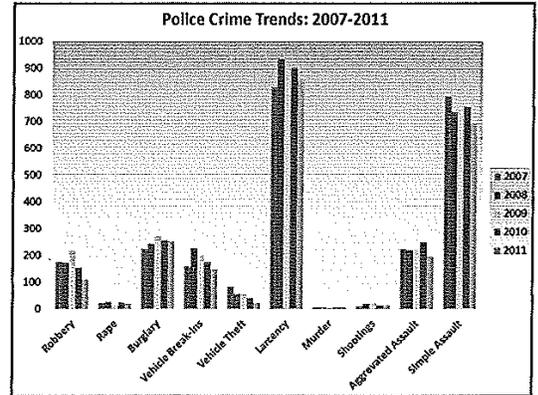
- Common Council working with School District
  - Council Members Flowers and Coates
  - Elementary School Basketball Program funded 2011
- Changed Middle school / High School release time as requested by Police Dept.
- SWAG - Wayras Park Second Annual Event
  - Well attended ½ day school with march

### Public Safety Programs

- Major Amount of General Fund Budget dedicated to Public Safety (43.9%)
  - Police Dept + Fire Dept = \$18.65m
- Crime Statistics are Issue with Residents
- New “Gun Tip Program” compliment to “Anonymous Tip Line”

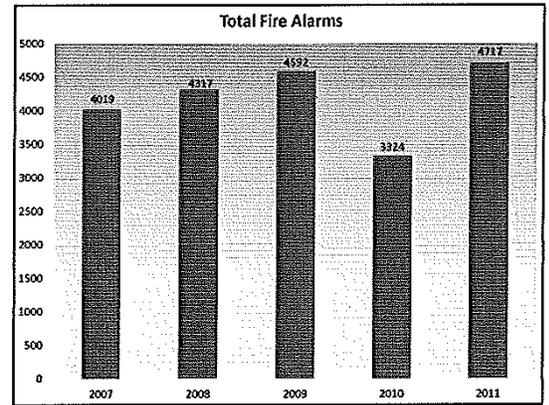
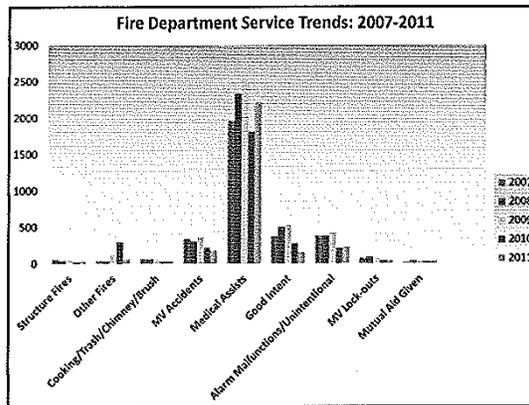
### Police Department

- Death of Detective John Falcone (Feb. 18, 2011)
- As of January 2012, no Community Policing division in order to facilitate change in operations for the unit
- Promotions in the Department
- Camera Project—Department went online for new phone system in December 2011, will update department's original camera system
- New radios deployed



### Fire Department

- Training throughout the Year
  - 3,295 Hours
- 3 firefighters hired
- 4 retirements in 2011
- 24 hr. shift rotation was implemented for trial
- 4,717 total alarms answered
- Hurricane Irene (August 28, 2011) followed by Tropical Storm Lee
  - Flooded basements



**Assessor's Office**

- Worked with contractor to analyze market data
  - Gathered updated data and ran values for 3,000 parcels
- Administered 7,202 exemptions in 2011
- Established and kept 100% "Level of Assessment" or Equalization rate
- Signed off on and submitted 2011 tax roll with 8,390 parcels
- Most Tax Cert. cases led to settlements

**Corporation Counsel**

- DeLaval project—initiated claim against contractor
- Sale of portion of Crannell St. lot for Save-A-Lot Supermarket
- Sale of City-owned property for Mobile Life Support Services (16-18 Pershing Avenue)
- As of December 31<sup>st</sup>—collective bargaining agreements for 3 of 4 units has expired
- Bozella Claim has been closed (favorable to City)
- PHA awarded General Counsel services to City
- Focus on vacant properties and their issues

## Official Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of March 5, 2012

### City Chamberlain

- Issued over 440 Marriage Licenses
- Performed over 25 Marriage Ceremonies
- Vassar Brothers Medical Center had 2,453 births, issued certificates
- Issued 990 Death Certificates
- Worked with Corporation Counsel, Police, and Council Members on intake for both City and Town taxi hack licenses in 2011
- Issues over 60 Community Event Permits
- Department is now handling Dog Licenses (previously handled by NYS)—total revenue: \$4,165.50

### Department of Public Works

- Hurricane Irene (August 28, 2011)
- Tropical Storm Lee (Following week)
- 4,749 Work Orders were completed
- 1,315 Utility Mark-outs
- Buildings & Grounds Completed In-House Renovations of Engineering Division with 218 work orders
- Electrical Division had over 802 work orders
- Recreation Maintained 14 city parks and supported community events with over 46 work orders
- Tree Division supported the NYS Tree City designation and assisted with Festival of Lights

### Department of Public Works

- Sanitation Collected over 8,413 tons of Refuse, Responded to 106 work orders, (incl. Graffiti)
- Sanitation violations issued: 1,979
- Streets Maintenance completed over 551 work orders including signs, repairs, etc.
- Tree Division was not in force and cleared tree/brush from natural disaster events in 2011
- Water Division handled 517 work orders
- Sewer Department resolved 462 Complaints

### Engineering Department

- Completed \$271,000 of Scattered Sidewalk Concrete work (CDBG grant program)
- Prepared 2010 MS4 Annual Report & submitted to NYSDEC on-time
- Administered City's MS4 program
- Provided construction administration for multiple City projects
- Prepared bid documents & drawings

### Development

- During 2011, focus was on waterfront grants
- Market Study & 2 grants were completed for a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) with Metro North Railroad
- Two public meetings were held for Proposed Zoning and Development codes
- Many new development projects are both happening & planned for the City
- Dutton project's new FEIS was submitted

### Development

- City progressing on \$2.395 million "Restore NY" grant for 23 Academy St.
- Save-A-Lot Supermarket received final planning board approval, construction forecasted for Spring 2012
- Farmers' Market moved to Pulaski Park
- Planning Board site plan and Zoning approved Vassar Brothers Medical Center expansion for 4 story medical building and parking garage

### Finance

- Three Main Responsibilities
  - Accounting
  - Auditing
  - Management
- AIM (Aid and Incentives to Municipalities) Report
- AUD (Annual Update Document) showed slow strengthening of City's finances.
- Cost Saving Initiatives continued
- Expense Reductions & Revenue Generation
- Debt Service borrowing for Capital Projects

### Joint Water Treatment Facility

- City and Town of Poughkeepsie jointly own and operate JWT Facility
- Organization is comprised of separate board of 3 members representing each municipality
- In 2011, production was 10.0 MGDs of water
- Two raw water pumps were rebuilt to improve efficiency and extend operating life
- 589,608,382 gallons of water were sold by the City to third party users

- 3) **FROM MAYOR TKAZYIK**, a communication regarding the March 1<sup>st</sup> Financial Report.
- 4) **FROM SEAWAY NAVIGATION AND TOURS, LTD.**, a notice of intent to renew their Liquor License. **Referred to Corporation Counsel.**
- 5) **FROM MAYOR TKAZYIK**, Quarterly Report-Fourth Quarter 2011.

### X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Councilmember Solomon** wondering if they could get a report on the garbage law suit, particularly how much money has been spent on legal services.

**Chairwoman Johnson** asked who our reporter is for the Poughkeepsie Journal.

**Mayor Tkazyik** responded that the city was informed at the last meeting that John Davis has been assigned to the city as its reporter but does not see Mr. Davis here this evening. We are trying to schedule a meeting with him to bring him up to date and make sure he is clear on the calendar and all of that.

**Councilmember Rich** stated that he tried to call John Davis from the Poughkeepsie Journal weeks ago and he never returned his calls.

#### **XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilmember Boyd** leadership meetings there were several presentation and never went into leadership meetings, suggest that if there will be a presentation at the leadership meetings that there also be an additional leadership meeting without the presentation. Because there are garbage issues, 411, jobs and property issues to discuss and we aren't able to talk about those things during a presentation.

**Mayor Tkazyik** responded that they will take that recommendation into consideration.

**Councilmember Rich** stated that he was given a sheet that said there was going to be one leadership meeting per month and they got the schedule and when they are going to be but last month there was no leadership meeting they were in meetings for leadership but they were for special presentations but thinks it is really good to have a leadership meeting where the council leadership and the executive leadership can discuss things in an open forum so that they can get what's on their minds out and perhaps come up with some ideas for future plans. It's a good thing to have leadership meetings and they should not be cancelled unless it's an emergency.

**Councilmember Johnson** wanted to say that this is our fifth council meeting and we have had countless orientations with all of the department heads, we have had tours so that they can make well informed decisions concerning projects that are coming forward to the Common Council. We have had presentation from the Dyson Foundation and Dutton Foundation and this is just our fifth meeting. Stated that she would also like for Mr. Long to explain what happened to the last leadership meeting and was it explained to the Common Council.

**City Administrator Long** stated that he agreed with Chairwoman Johnson that they have had a lot of meetings over the last several months. With the new councilmember orientation meetings we have been having

councilmembers going through all of the issues with all of the Police all of the Fire, the Assessment, Engineering, Finance, Chamberlain, Legal, CDBG, so that was 9 meetings there. We also met on Dutton Lumber, which was 2 meetings there, met on the Dyson proposal, 2 more meetings, the last session that was scheduled for the leadership meeting we had already had 8 meetings that week so it was our feeling that all of the issues that needed to be talked about in a very short period of time had already been covered because we had all of the meetings. We did not mean to slight the council in terms of the leadership meeting but thinks that all of the councilmembers know that we are available 24-7 by email or phone, if there is an issue you want to talk about, certainly we can talk about it. We have been spending a lot of time trying to educate the new councilmembers specifically about the operations, roles and responsibilities about all of the departments. With a 70 million dollar business there is a lot going on and we can't spend every minute in a meeting.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Chair Johnson and Councilmember Solomon to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

**Dated:** August 15, 2012

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**City Chamberlain  
Deanne L. Flynn**



## **COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

Common Council Chambers

Monday, March 5, 2012

6:30 p.m.

### **I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

#### **ROLL CALL**

- 6) **PRESENTATION**, a proposal from the Dyson Foundation on the purchase and redevelopment of Upper Landing as a public park.

### **II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from Common Council Meeting of 8/22/2011

### **III. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any resolutions not listed on the printed agenda.**

### **IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Three (3) minutes per person up to 45 minutes of public comment on any agenda and non-agenda items.**

### **V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

### **VI. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

### **VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:**

- 1) **FROM ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMANN**, Ordinance O-12-03, amending parking regulation in front of 176 Rinaldi Boulevard.

**IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) **FROM NUBIAN DIRECTIONS**, a presentation regarding the Department of Labor Grant to clean Fall Kill Creek.
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