

3/9/2023 - CAC Monthly Meeting (Zoom)

6:35 start

Elaine Caccoma, Kay Barthelmes, Carmen D'Angelo, Lise Prown, Marie Inserra, Kathy Talbot,  
Guest Speaker: Matt Alexander(Peekskill City Manager), Millie Magraw(Westchester County),  
Jamie Macdonald(Peekskill Sustainability Coordinator)

Absent: Courtney Williams, Jan Melillo

Amy Wiggins not renewing her CAC membership. CAC needs a new member to fill this spot.  
Reach out to Elaine or Kathi with any questions.

Ian Berger will be our new member starting soon.

Matt: Tree inventory Grant from NYS, gives his permission for us to go ahead with the  
Application with Jamie as our City Liaison.

The CAC will work to Identify apps and technology we would like to see used for the inventory.  
We are looking for an easy-to-use tool. Maybe <https://www.itreetools.org/about>

Tree Inventory Suggested Scope: Downtown, Heat islands, City streets and selected small  
urban City parks, like Pugsley and Monument.

We asked Matt about establishing a formal Tree Board to manage the Tree Fund and suggest  
tree plantings. Will be helpful for managing our Tree Inventory and Management Plan if we get  
the State grant.

Jamie MacDonald - will need access to State Grants Portal.

Per Matt A. - Food scraps program - Chris is readying the totes and hopes to start up the  
program in 5 - 7 weeks. Jonathan from City Nutrition Program will be a major contributor. Early  
May to start. Drop off site - Saturday 9 - 12 pm. The CAC has volunteered to man the drop off for  
a few months to help new users.

CAC will table at farmers market for Food Scrap drop off and explanation of the Food Scrapping  
program.

Art discussion - CAC advises not removing a tree for an art project north of The Central.

Millie Macgraw from Westchester County, Planting Westchester Program - looking for feed-back  
how the County can assist the city. Our suggestions: educational material, eventual use of the  
County tree nursery, tree planting education. Teaching residents about planting out yards with  
native plants. County can provide green training for Parks, Water and DPW.

Matt requested - County access for adding local municipal data on county GIS. In order to try to limit digging and consolidate projects. Currently using Open Spatial App for technology.

Jamie M. reported he is working on the Climate Action Plan. Working on Data Collection with County and ICLE for the CAPI program. He is hoping to get the city on track for Climate Smart Communities Bronze certification. He is aiming for April to apply for it and submit documentation.

The Clean Energy Communities Program would help us via NYSERDA.

CAC Film Series March 29th the film is "Gathering" Zoom - film discussion will go ahead. Awaiting approval from Matt on funding 3 panelists.

7:52 meeting end