

around habitat and willing to collaborate with other groups on how to spend that money. Bob suggests 1K. Parks and Rec now working on proposal for open space economic impact study so looking for a grant writer to work on this project at 2500. Energy would like one of the organizations in the working group to sponsor a forum on climate change. Their 500 would be for promo. Environmental Justice wants a pot of money and may use some for toxic tour - 500. Bob reminds people we can't go outside our working group. Waste & Pollution want funds to do outreach for Mapping Waste - 750. Urban Regen based on last year's projects doesn't have a solid number. Bob said these budgets are our own operational budgets but there's other money in other places to support other projects Bob put in 500 for Urban Regen. Transportation hasn't discussed budget yet but looking for resources to promote complete streets and to send a city official to a conference 500-1000. Issues and Advocacy, given state of action agenda, asking 1000 to help guide groups. Organizational Capacity wants 1000. Bob suggested asking a minimum of 1000 per working group. Groups that want more need to provide more detail. Bob will send Art budget details then Keri will use that to help prepare the proposal to CFGB. Cara needs a proposal at least a couple of weeks prior to program committee meeting. Anthony thinks we need to have a discussion about funding staff. Erin thinks we need at least 10K for the Congress. Currently at 5K. Art can meet with people working on this budget.

b. Listserves and GROW (RW)

Rebekah's looking for earth week articles; thanks to those who have gotten some to her. E&E is helping push content out to a larger audience. 500 words optimal, up to 1000 with pictures. Cara reported CFGB made a grant for an environmental beat - Jim Heaney - that will go on Grow. One of his projects will be the Mapping Waste Report. His firm is named the Investigative Post.

5. Report of Committees:

(PLEASE NOTE written minutes or a report should be submitted to the list serve prior to the meeting if possible)

a. Membership Committee (LS,JE,AA)

i. New Applications

1. Workforce Development (re-consideration) - came back to the committee and recommending Membership. Art said local group has been doing less environmental work recently. Statewide Workforce Development actively supports environmental initiatives. Anthony motions, Erin 2nds. Member status approved.

6. Report of Alliance Groups:

a. Working Groups—Privileges and responsibilities of Chairs

- i. Habitat and Natural Resources (JBy) Group talks a lot about advocacy, some things move through and the group's finding itself interested in finding a role to advocate on habitat issues. Fracking comes up and Habitat is offering to host a discussion on fracking for the Alliance. County did stop the frisbee golf course. Trying to figure out how to send a letter saying thank you to County Exec. Bob said

getting a letter from each organization will be effective. Alliance can also say thank you but Board has to approve.

- ii. Parks and Recreation (THM) IGroup is looking at Greenway money and that the commission isn't going to further park system between the two lakes. Drafting a letter to advocacy for their review then hopefully that will come before the Board. If we study economic impact of the Greenway there may be a great story to tell about the potential economic impact of the Greenway. Privately held lands have fallen through the cracks. Taking the time to scope out the Trust for Public Land and other interested parties could be a useful step in creating a new proposal. Input welcome as this is a highly political issue. UDP may be another beneficial partner. Another issue is the proposed waterfront park for outer harbor. Would be a good idea to create a park dedicated to Olmsted himself and to public use. Joan Bozer has asked that the Alliance support this concept. Thomas would like to circulate her project description. We don't have a clear answer about what we're being asking us to support.
- iii. Energy and Climate Change (TY) Group has been listening to presentations on Feed In Tariff and have an advocacy proposal ready to go. April meeting will talk about resetting clock on climate change in WNY and holding a public forum. Upcoming meeting will be on energy and transportation. Also impacts on the Greenway. Requesting a Transportation Advisory Committee to get something into the Greenway plan on transportation. Also Alex Cartwright will speak on WNY becoming a regional hub for renewable energy. This involves Canada and the US. Life and Death of Urban Highways, new report, may be of interest. Justin will circulate.
- iv. Pollution and Hazardous Waste (JE)
 1. Town of Wheatfield landfill request to DEC draft letter and full report sent to Bob for him to send on behalf of the Alliance. Board was invited to attend a meeting later today with Commissioner Stepniak, Public Works, on Buffalo's recycling program.
- v. Urban Regeneration (AA) City sent representatives to respond to comments on the green code will now be a unified development document. More park space is definitely missing. Will keep dialogue going with the City. Also should check Olmsted design guidelines. Thomas will send to Anthony.
- vi. Environmental Justice (EH) Member organizations commented on Article 10 of the Environmental Siting Guidelines to ensure power generating facilities are not overburdening communities.
- vii. Food, Gardens, Agriculture (MMH) Megan emailed on the issue of their name. Anthony moves to accept WNY Growing: Food, Agriculture and Community Gardens, Erin 2nds. Adopted with one opposed.
- viii. Transportation (JB) April 19-20 are the dates for the Complete Streets Summit. Justin will send notice of this Summit to the Board. Thomas asked if Chair of Transportation know if there can be any weigh in about Parkside - Florence intersection adjacent to the Park (Thomas)? Justin said it

makes the most sense for the Council on Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board to weigh in on that matter.

b. Report of Liaisons to Process Groups

1. Issues & Advocacy (MS) Action Item: from Urban Regen re: BOA planning. Letter drafted by Lynda that will be edited by Bob was distributed. Bob asked what member organization asked for this letter? Urban Regen said the BOA process on that group's 2012 priorities list. Groundworks is a sponsoring Member for the letter. An individual may not just come to a working group and ask that something be put through. Advances must come from a Member group first. Friends of Times Beach Nature Preserve would be willing to sponsor as would the University. cc on the letter will also include Common Council. By sending it to Strategic Planning it becomes less political than if it's addressed to the Mayor. Erin motioned to send the letter, Thomas 2nds, with changes at the will of the chair. Approved.

Form (draft) passed around to make a request from Advocacy. Q. 7 is not applicable because we don't have an annual agenda yet and the fact that it does yet apply must be noted on the form. There is a plank form as well; not to be confused with this form. Jay motioned, Erin 2nds approved.

Action agenda - return to this as a consistent item on the agenda. Unveil possibly in November. Maybe need a timeline question. This is the plank.

- i. Habitat & Natural resources Request Jay asked process questions - how do we make decisions in the working groups and how do working groups respond to groups that ask for letters of support for projects. ByLaws punt on voting and decided the ultimate decision making rests with the Board. Obviously this is not a decided issue. A possible way to think about prioritizing is the Urban Regen model. That group goes through an annual priorities process that represents issues that they're working on and supporting in a behind the scene's sense. Working groups are places for members to gather support from other members. Working group chairs will not write letters of support. Members are the only ones who will vote in a working group meeting. Members are urged to seek the support of other Members for their projects.
 - ii. Waste & Pollution request
 - iii. Process issues
 - i. Status of Annual Agenda
 - ii. Amendment to "Rapid Response"
2. Education & Outreach (LH)
 - a. Speakers Bureau
 3. Organizational Capacity (KB) Strategic planning for GROW has begun with the understanding that thinking about the direction of the Alliance will arise. Will have 3 meetings scheduled to do this work over the next two months. Please everyone complete capacity building survey.

7. Old Business

- a. Earth Day Event April 17th ,2012
- b. Speakers Bureau: <http://growwny.org/speakers-bureau-application>.

8. New Business

- a. Second Quarterly Meeting
 - i. May 8th, 2012
 - ii. Marcy Casino (TH to confirm)
 - iii. Waste & Pollution Working Group
 - iv. Logistics (Deanne Stachowski will coordinate with Marcy Casino Rebekah will relay attendance numbers to Deanne
- b. Congress 2012 (EH) The 4 functions of the Congress: 1) conduct organizational business, 2) celebrate good work, 3) engage and inspire, 4) introduce and demonstrate power of alliance to policymakers and important stakeholders. Fun awards will lift up the good work of members. More high profile speaker may draw in non-members. Statler will not have a space for bikes this year. Food is somewhat of an issue. Bob will work with the Statler so they're not bogged down by holding the date. Erin will explore other site options.
 - i. Date
 - ii. Location
 - iii. Agenda
 - iv. Food

9. Adjourn (approximately 1:30)

Adjourn 1:40.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

WNYEA Quarterly Meetings (Proposed)

First	February 7, 2012	Third	September 18, 2012
Second	May 8, 2012	Annual Meeting	November 10, 2012

Board of Directors 2012 Scheduled Meeting Dates:

January	July
February	August
March	September
April	October
May	November
June	December

Working Group Meetings:

Energy & Climate	April 5 st 2012 4:00 PM
Habitat & Natural Resources	
Parks & Recreation	
Urban Regeneration	
Pollution & Waste	
Environmental Justice	
Food Gardens and Agriculture	
Transportation	

Process Groups Meetings:

- Issues & Advocacy
- Education & Outreach
- Organizational Capacity