WPA General Monthly Meeting Minutes

8.5.13

Begin time: 7:32pm

**Attendees:**

Nick Caballero – President

Mory Thomas – Trustee

Lisa Blando – Trustee 7:49pm

Craig Hanlon – Trustee 7:42pm

Wendy Paul – 8:09pm

Terri Neuner – Secretary

Peter Basso – Advisor

Ellen Pelli – M

Marcu Pelli – M

Theresa Haywood

Will Clarke

Bob Boubreau

Charles Stolker

Vilma Cabrera – Intern

Danny Rivera - Councilman at Large

Capt Edgar Martinez

Officer Carlos Melendez

Elvin Dominici

Quorum obtained

**President’s Report**

The MITP Series created much excitement throughout communities surrounding HC parks in Bayonne, Hoboken and JC/UC.

The message sent to the viewers was "the parks are yours take care of them, pick up litter etc" After each movie we never picked up more that 7 pieces of litter which is awesome considering we had 250 attend in Bayonne, 150 attended in Hoboken and approximately 300 in Washington Park.

The parks staff were great to work with and excited to be a part of the series.

The Sheriff had deputies on site at all screenings.

The only call out I have is regarding the generators. The Honda generator used in Bayonne was perfect and quite. The older generator used for Hoboken and JC/UC was load and sounded like a motorcycle was on site.

Can we sign out a honda generator from the parks division, so we can bring it to each of the movie sites as we move forward? Each park supervisor would need to bring the gas for the generator.

I will give you a call shortly.

July MITP went very well considering we rushed to get 12 movies schedules. You will note in the recap from our first three screenings, the crowd numbers and generator needs (which has been addressed).

The crowds at Lincoln Park were approx. 350, West Hudson 200 and at JJ Braddock 175.

The Crowds at all the movies were extremely grateful of the effort put into bringing a movie to their community.

The only unruly group of folks was during the Lincoln Park screening (crowd control for the popcorn distribution needed more attention). Two generators will be used for the August movie so as not to use the electricity from the concession stand.

Popcorn as usual was a crowd pleaser. We went through almost 4000 bags of popcorn, 60 gallons of lemonade and 60 gallons of water (we added the water due to the HOT weather), during the first 6 movies in July.

We spent more money in advertising with JCI at no extra charge to the county. In addition to JCI, Facebook and community websites were utilized to promote each movie.

Approximately 1450 seniors, families and children enjoyed July's Movies in the Park Series. The reserved area for people needed assistance or with special needs was used during the screening at JJ Braddock. A family took the opportunity to celebrate a child's birthday during the movie in Bayonne.

The park's staff were very helpful at all the parks.

The Lawn signs promoting August Movies in the Park have been posted in each of the parks. Flyers and posters have been distributed and placed in store fronts in each park's surrounding community.

We look forward to a successful August Movie Series as well.

Special Thanks to Beth and Lauren for executing the deliverables to the park's staff.

* Met with Our Partners RNA and Pershing Field Garden Friends to discus the logistics of how the Movie Series got so big.
* Met with HC Parks to discus Bunker Box location in Park #4
* On 8.1.2013 sent the 2014 WPA Proposed Programs and Events
* Requested a meeting with HC Parks Joe Cichinni regarding scheduling a meeting to walk the Park Layout for WPLive!
* Have been meeting with WPA Events Committee planning the program and fundraising for WPLive! Event Sunday from 11AM to 1PM.
* Garden Club is going well, after 5 years we have a solid group of youth volunteers committed to the Gardens in Washington Park.

**Vice President’s Report**

**Treasurer Report**

N/A this month

**Secretary Report**

Meeting Minutes have been posted for the following:

Events committee meeting for July 8, 21 and Aug 8 have been posted to the WPA Meet up site.

50/50 tonight $1 per ticket

Donations this evening will go towards WPA Live – Any are very much appreciated.

-1 gallon (empty) plastic milk jugs

-3 liter soda bottles (not 2 liters as these are too small)

-Bendable cardboard (fairly large size) - Similar in thickness to a box you would get from a bakery

-Old buttons, beads, colorful feathers, ribbons, sequins, yarn...

-Anything crafty that a child may like to glue onto a mask

**Capt Martinez discussion**

Heights is now broken into areas:

* Washington Park
* Riverview area
* PS 8
* Riverview
* City Ordinance – 349 summons
* Juvenile 36 curfew violation
* Moving violations 487
* 1 Masturbation offense in Pershing Field
* Sherman – Indecent Exposure
* Tier 2 Sex offender arrested
* Urinating and drinking in public – 3 summons
* Baldwin and St Pauls shots fired
* Minor possessions of Marijuana are being enforced
* Central/ Zabriski – Drugs in the car and arrested
* [policenorth@njjcps.org](mailto:policenorth@njjcps.org) - 4 people assigned to help respond
* 3 arrests of drunks sleeping on benches
* U-Turns will be monitors on Central Ave.
* NJ Transit as a rule should
* Graffiti - 3 individual found with bags of spray paint on Tonnelle Ave.
* If you are calling in something, provide FULL description.
* If you call in – you should not have to hang up and call dispatch – they should transfer you. If this happens, let the Capt. know**. Ask for operator number if this happens**
* Heights Plaza McDonalds and Subway closed down.
* They need to have Security Guard at all times but do not.
* Capt. is looking remove law that you cannot park in from of your driveway
* 652 Palisade will be cleaned
* Red signs on an abandoned home mean different things
* 668, 602 Palisade to be cleaned
* Utility box on SW corner, Gaping hole
* New name - Residence Response Email

Items needed for WPA Live Event

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Bob B details music which will be performing at WPA Live

Discussion of items to be at WPA Live to take place

Elvin Dominici

Summit and Poplar needs signal light

24 accidents since 2005

500 signatures already

Please reach out to political leaders and ask for the light!!!!

Councilman Riviera

Recognize:

Craig Hanlon 7:42pm

Peter Basso – 7:43pm

Lisa Blando – 7:49pm

Wendy Paul – 8:09pm

Adjourn 8:24pm

Meeting Minutes

Special Trustee Meeting WPA - 8.5.13

Attendees: Start 8:24pm

Letter of intent is due at the end of Aug

* $372,000 for planting
* More needed for lighting $150,000
* Designer Systems (subcontractor issue)
* Mory: If the county is not going to match the funds, we should not do it.
* Who should we talk to – to let know what we want to do?
* Standing MOU Ken – We will have a conversation with him.

Next steps –

Peter to call Designer Systems contact

**VOTE - Unanimous – Motion by Craig, Second by Nick**

Couch to 5k – Sunday morning 7am and 2 nights per week

Expected 500 people from OConnell run – 500 WPA $bucks to be provided.

Stone wall discussion for outside of new sport complex. All

Nominating Committee assigned– Terri, Lisa, Craig

Need to speak at the AARP meeting in September 7th 1pm.

9:16pm Meeting adjourn – Mory Thomas 2nd