



IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO CREATE COMMUNITY. JOIN US.

WPA General Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: 155 North St, Jersey City, NJ 07307

Date: Monday, August 05, 2019

Time: 7:30pm- 9:00pm

Meeting called by: WPA Board of Trustees / Bring Sitting Fee

Type

Board of Trustees Attending Y / N

Mory Thomas – President - N

Nick Lawrence Treasurer - Y

Nick Caballero Secretary - Y

Andrea Brachfeld Trustee - N

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Tim Brown – Trustee - Y

Hector Fermin – Trustee - N

Starr James - Trustee - N

Vacancy – Trustee – N/A

Yolanda Miranda Trustee - N

Katherine Parker Trustee - N

Wendy Paul Trustee - N

Vacancy - Trustee – N/A

of Meeting: General Monthly Meeting

Facilitator: Nick Caballero

Minute Taker: Nick Caballero

Timekeeper: Nick Lawrence

Attendees: WPA Board of Trustees (See sign-in sheet/ Mailing

7:30PM - Welcome

- Call to order
- Welcome visitors and general membership **Please sign in**
- Reading of WPA mission statement and rules of conduct
- Trustee Roll Call
- Ratify Minutes – The minutes from the WPA General Monthly Meeting Minutes held on Mondays, June 3, 2019 and July 1, 2019, were not uploaded to the WPA website, in time to be viewed by the WPA Board and be ratified at this time. The minutes will be posted for review and be ratified at the September 9, 2019 meeting.

Attendees : Officer Mathew Ramos, Laura Santo, Nick Lawrence, Tim Brown and Nick Caballero

7:35PM - Officer Reports

- **President's Report** – Mory Thomas – N/A

- **Treasurer's Report** – Nick Lawrence – WPW Numbers /

- **Secretary's Report** – Nick Caballero – Collected on fundraising commitments and delivered to our treasurer, summer maintenance program, corrected issues with Park Supervisor and WPW

7:45PM - Jersey City Heights Crime Statistics and Areas of concern to be addressed

- JCPD- Resident's Response / Quality of Life

Old Business / Motion Tabled

7:50PM - WPA Annual Sponsorship – Updates on funding for WPA programs

- **Local Arts Program Grant for 2020**

8:00PM - Green Acres Update

- Final Voucher for 50% of signage is in the final stages. This payment will be given to the sign company upon delivery of the signs which are about 2 weeks out.

8:10PM - Earth Mother For You Summer maintenance program

- We have been managing the gardens as scheduled but need to get a lot of weeding done due to the rains and the heat. Anyone that can lend a hand, please join us.
- We will be reaching out to the original landscape company we were going to contract to get some assistance.

- Mory has emailed and spoken to Mayor Stack 3 times about his offer to help with landscaping. Waiting for update.

8:15PM – WPW Planning and programming

We have had two rain outs which takes us to the final two WEDNESDAYS IN August.

- Volunteer Numbers per night and coordination
- Programming
- Flyers, banners, yard signs printed
- New logo T-shirts - we've put this on hold for the time being
- 1 popcorn machine and attendant to save on cost
- Movies confirmed – **have rain dates been secured? Wednesday 8/21 and Wednesday 8/28**
- Screener confirmed
- Trustee Schedule needs to be confirmed. We need someone to greet the movie goers and open the event as well as close down the event.
- We need a person to create a video on a thumb drive of the sponsors and WPA visuals to be shown before the movies.... Anyone?

8:35PM - Dog Run

- Meeting will be scheduled after the Holiday to begin planning and design of the Dog Run. Mory has received conceptual plans from Mayor Stack regarding Park #4 design and has responded with his questions, as they do not incorporate any of the WPA gardens.

8:45PM - WPA Nomination Committee – Must schedule a meeting in July. Annual elections are Monday, November 4, 2019. We need to keep our eyes open for potential candidates for WPA Trustee seats. Nick Lawrence has asked to be replaced on the committee. We need another trustee to step up to take his place. Any volunteers?

As stated in the WPA Bylaws the WPA President shall appoint a nomination committee comprised of 2 WPA Trustees and 1 person from the general membership. There shall be 1 general membership alternate and 1 WPA trustee alternate.

- **2019 Nomination Committee Vacancy, Nick Caballero and Kate Parker Alternate, General Membership Jennifer Lozada and Alternate Laura Santo**

A Bylaws ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

All powers of the WPA shall be exercised by or under the authority of the Board, and the activities, property and affairs of WPA shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board. The Board may exercise all such powers and may delegate any and all such powers as it sees fit, subject to restrictions imposed by the Certificate of Incorporation, these Bylaws, the New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation Act and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Eligibility Trustees shall be at least 18 years and residents of the County of Hudson, NJ. All trustees will be expected to enter into a statement of understanding with the WPA regarding their roles and responsibilities as trustees.

8:25PM 2nd Tim Brown Adjourned

WPA Mission Statement:

The objective of the Washington Park Association (WPA) is to work with the community to revitalize, maintain and protect Washington Park in Hudson County, New Jersey and promote its use through the development of programs and activities that enhance the quality of life of park users and local residents

WPA Code of Conduct:

In the interest of fostering community relations and assuring the on-going health of the WPA, all meetings will maintain an atmosphere of courtesy and civil conduct. When there is a disagreement of any kind, people will address each other with respect. An individual's presence at a meeting indicates acceptance of this policy. Anyone whose words or actions go against the policy may be required to leave a meeting