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## WPA General Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Location:** St. John's Lutheran Church - 155 North St. Jersey City, NJ 07307 **Date:** October 1, 2018

**Time:** 7:30pm- 9:00pm - *Meeting Called to order at 7:31PM Second by Nick Lawrence*

**Meeting called by:** WPA Board of Trustees **Type of Meeting:** General Monthly Meeting **Facilitator:** Mory Thomas **Minute Taker:** Nick Caballero

**Timekeeper:** Nick Caballero

**Attendees:** WPA Members, Supporters and Guests (See sign-in sheet)

### Trustees Bring Trustee Sitting Fee

#### 7:30pm. Welcome 5 Mins

Call to order

- Welcome visitors and general membership **\*\*Please sign in\*\***
- Reading of WPA mission statement and rules of conduct
- Trustee Roll Call
  
- **Mory Thomas – President - Present**
- **Nick Lawrence – Treasurer – Present**
- **Nick Caballero – Secretary - Present**
- **Wendy Paul – Trustee – n/a**
- **Jay McVey – Trustee – n/a**
- **Andrea Brachfeld – Trustee - Present**
- **Erin Kumpf – Trustee – Present – 8:20PM Noticed /Second Mory Thomas**
- **Yolanda Miranda – Trustee - Present**
- **Tim Brown – Trustee – Present – 7:48PM Noticed/Second Mory Thomas**
- **Breanna Robles – Trustee – n/a**

**Others in attendance – Freeholder Romana, Lee Levine, Capt. Joseph Santiago, Officer Sarmiento, Starr James, Hector Fermin Perez, Ann Wopat, Dan Clark, Katherine Parker, Paulina Jozefowicz and Gala Mitwofanova**

**Ratify Minutes** - Minutes from WPA the General Monthly Meeting held on August 6, 2018 and September 10, 2018 were all uploaded to the WPA website, but not in time for the WPA Trustees to review according to the WPA bylaws, Trustees are to review the minutes and if there are any changes or omissions that need to be made please address them at the WPA Annual Meeting scheduled for Monday November 5, 2018? If there are no changes, the minutes are ratified at that time.

7:35PM /10mins

- **Officer Reports**

**President Report – Mory Thomas - Met with Public Space management to get proposals on some sort of landscaping contract for our gardens next year.**

**Met with Hudson County parks to discuss several issues in the park: picnic area lawn, gator bags, fence upgrades in park 4, storage space built into the maintenance compound, and dog run requests.**

**Had nominating committee meeting with Nick and Nick to interview Starr and Hector.**

**Met with tree supplier to discuss possible new trees in WP in conjunction with JCPC**

**Went to 520 Palisade RNA meeting.**

1. **Treasurer Report – Nick Lawrence - WPA General Fund Update**

- **Balance**

- **Beginning - \$2310.74**
- **Ending (as of 9/30) - \$1775.82**

- **Expenses -**

- **Operational Expenses:**
  - **Goodfriends Storage - \$160**
  - **Final Checks for WPW are being cashed (Face Paint, Bubbles, & Popcorn)**

- **Receivables - \$8324.00**

- **\$5,000 from Carepoint**
- **\$1614.00 for overpayment to Premiere Outdoor Movies**
- **\$250 from Policeman's Union**
- **\$500 from Diamond Tech**
- **\$960 in trustee dues**

- **Trustee Dues for 2018- \$120**

**Secretary Report – Nick Caballero - Mett with Mory and HC Director DeLeo to walk the park to go over each area of the park including Dog Run issues brought to our attention by pet owners who have form a new group.**

**- Followed up with sign company re final GA project – No Answer**

**- More to come by category**

7:45PM /20mins

- **Jersey City Heights Crime Statistics – 9/1/2018 to 9/30/2018**
- **Total Adult Arrests – 37**
- **Guns Recovered – 1**
- **Total Guns Recovered 2018 1**
- **Shootings/Shot Fired – 1/5**
- **Stabbings – 0**

- **Moving Violations – 362**
- **Parking Violations – 284**
- **Curfew Violations – 0**
- **City Ordinances – 19**
- **Total Summonses – 665**

**Other – October 20<sup>th</sup> Food Truck Festival on Manhattan Ave between Central and Summit Ave, November 4<sup>th</sup> Local Heroes Day for JCPD at the Hope Center and Ward D Community Meeting**

- Residents Response – n/a

## **New Business**

**8:05PM / 10 minutes**

**BOE Forum Scheduled for October 22 at the Hope Center**

**Mory – TBD time 7 or 7:30PM all other organizations in the Heights to participate / code of conduct needed**

**8:15PM / 10 minutes**

**Fall Clean up and Pre for Winter – Planting and clean up with JCPD Saturday 10.27.2018 – All else TBD**

**8:25PM / 5 minutes.**

**520 Palisade Development Discussion and Vote. 8:30PM / 5 minutes**

*Lee Levine described project to the group*

- **Green Roofs**
- **Set backs**
- **Variences**
- **Streetscapes**

***Vote Made by Trustees to support project (Yes) / Not to support the project (NO)***

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**Quorum Vote – WPA in Support of the 520 Project as presented by Lee Levine**

## **UPDATES -**

**Owner of this section Mory Thomas**

- - **WPA Nomination Committee** - 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.
- - **We are always looking for new members interested in being a part of the WPA Leadership.** Join us.

**Nomination Committee met Hector Manuel Fermin Perez and Starr James. Interviews went really well and if they accept we they will both be put on the ballot.**

*Sample Ballot shared with group*

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**8:35PM / 10 minutes Owner of this section WPA Board of Trustees**

- - **Dog Run Updates / Meeting with Deleo - Freeholders to vote on Dog Run Upgrades on October 9, 2018, Sign re NO TOYS in Dog Run (to be researched) suggesting (Responsible Use of Toys Sign)**
- - **WPA Fundraising and Annual Sponsorship packet / Need to fundraise / All trustees to be raising funds**
- - **WPA - Programming - WPW Washington Park Wednesdays / Garden Maintenance**

**Recaps - All programs went well 23K**

- - **Green Acres Project / Picnic Area / Signage - Almost complete**
- - **WPA Meeting Location Discussion. Possible changes to date and location. Wednesday at PS27 - Options presented and to be researched**

**8:45PM - Other**

*9:15 PM - Adjourn / Second Mory Thomas*

## **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