

WPA General Monthly Meeting Minutes

11/4/2013

Start Time – 7:30pm

Attendees:

Nick Caballero – President

Wendy Paul – Vice President

Katherine Crawford- Gray – Treasurer

Terri Neuner – Secretary

Mory Thomas – Trustee

Claudio Patrick Ambressi – Guest

Mario Ambressi – Guest

Ben Duronio – Guest

Vilma Cabrera – Trustee

Keith May – Member

Theresa Haywood – Guest

Dave Calton – Guest

D Fleishe – Member

Michael Yun – Guest

Ellen Pelli – Member

Peter Basso – Advisor

Lisa Blando – Trustee

Evelyn Von Gizycki - Guest

Quorum Present

President’s Report

- Worked with Katherine Crawford-Gray to prepare and submit 2014 LAP Grant application due on Friday, October 11 at 5PM

- Met with Peter Basso regarding GA Grant execution

- Attended meetings with Mary Jo at DHS to plan and execute Big Dig

- Executed and lead the Big Dig planting at DHS

Vice President’s Report

Treasurer’s Report

Washington Park Association of Hudson County, Inc.

Treasurer’s Report

November 4 2013

By Katherine Crawford-Gray

Financial Statements

**Report for YTD as at October 31 2013**

Total income $68,785

Total Expenses $65,625

Net ordinary income $3,160

Interest $7

Other expenses $1,411

Net income $1,756

**Revenue**

Increased membership from 2012 by 20%

Raised approx. same level of funds in 2013 as 2012 from WineTasting Fundraiser

**Expenses**

WPLive! Program expenses were almost double 2012. Revenue raised was also nearly double.

**Benchmarks**

Revenue breakdown – Contracts (43%), Local Government Grants (14%); Corporate Contributions (17%); Individual Donations & Membership (10%); Fundraising Events (13%)

Expenses breakdown:

Operations: 9%

Programs: 81%

Fundraising: 10%

All revenues and expenses are at the appropriate nonprofit benchmarks.

**Cash at Bank**

$5,240

**Solvency**

WPA is current solvent and able to meet any outstanding payments

**Forward Focus**

Our financial priority over the next two months is to prepare the books for the end of the year and finalize outstanding payments and receipts. WPA anticipates ending 2013 with a small surplus of around $1000. A budget for 2014 will be drafted with the Trustees for presentation at the February meeting.

This concludes my report. Thank you

Katherine Crawford-Gray, Treasurer

Secretary’s Report

50/50 tonight $1/ ticket

Attended Opening of Cocoa Bakery - 10/20 Said hello to Mayor Fulop

Attended the Big Dig 10/26

Attended Octoberfest – Oct 3rd – Farms in the Heights and Riverview Jazz.org

100 Steps Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: There will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the 100 Steps on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 1PM -2PM at the base of the Steps (foot of Mountain Road & Paterson Plank Road/base of Franklin st). The Mayor's office sent out the invitation to us as well as the Council and former Council members). All are welcome to attend (Not sure who, if anyone, from the RNA board can attend at this point as it is in the middle of the day and no advanced notice). The Steps are complete which is the most important part and we hope you will all enjoy using them.

Dave Calton –

* North District 47 arrest 0 Shootings/ 0 stabbings
* 1055 moving violations
* 5 curfew violations
* 2096 – ordinances – affecting Quality of life
* 10/23 North Districts – Sweeps
* 17 additional motorcycles – Narcotics. moving people from other districts
* Crime suppression units broken up – chief took 4 and gave to perspective units
* Plain clothes – Cell phone robberies
* Mischief night, every available officer out
* Halloween went off without a hitch
* Captain’s meeting is every third Wed of the month #7 school 7pm
* 222 Laidlaw Break in
* Graffiti, still working is. Seems that retagging taking place.
* Recycling – 211 South St . TV left there over a month
* 172 South – Firemen sign on the ground.
* 201-432-4645 Ext 646 JC Incinerator Authority – Computer, Washer Dryer
* Summit Ave lights are not synced. Theresa will check on it.
* 182/184 Webster Ave . Much activity, cars kids, smoking, dealing activity. Provide more information please.
* Cork Screw is being watched
* Silver Jeep Cherokee –
* Fire Department is doing inspections - Fire Hydrants

**Ryan Strother – Director of recreation**

* Very Fun job
* Boxing Equipment found $16,000
* Cricket
* Scuba Diving great opportunity for the kids in the city!!
* His hope that kids will be walking down the street with Tennis racket, lacrosse stick, scuba gear,
* The kids need other things to do.. To keep their minds and bodies active
* Director Shea… Police presence will be there.
* Mayor Fulop is a fit Mayor
* Adult Programs – Work out at different locations – FREE
* Many people sneak from other cites – ie Secaucus, north Bergen
* Senior power walk - Meeting place and social experience for them. This means A LOT to the seniors.
* Activists in Hoboken
* What happens beyond age 14?
  + Coaching and mentoring for 13 years
  + “We take kids up to 17”
* Street Cleaning – Stop the Drop over the summer successful
* 500 hired over the summer – 1000 to be hired next year.
* Best thing we can do is to provide ideas and a facility to hold classes.. please bring them.

Notice Lisa Blando 8:02pm Mory Thomas 2nd

**Peter Basso – Green Acres Grant update**

* Construction plans are submitted to the state
* Next step. Complete the bid specification

Events Planning Committee – Wendy Paul

* Garden Club
* We are the only Park Association group to hand out volunteer hours
* Marcus was hit!! Thank you to him and Ellen and Vilma –
* Dog run area, Chess table and learning garden.

Movies in the Park

* Well received in all parks
* Should we continue in all parks

Washington Park Live – Katherine Crawford - Gray

* Katherine and Vilma worked hard to hold it together
* Raised $10,000 from businesses to support the event
* Arts and Cultural Event that is special and unique – Not like Hoboken and other cities in Hudson County.
* Debrief – Raise quality of Visual Arts and Dance program
* Partner with Dickinson HS
* RiverviewJazz.org
* More food vendors requested.

Big Dig – Wendy Paul

* 23 volunteers

Green Acres Grant –

* Set up meeting with county officials – MOU
* Problem with MOU - Tony Romano – Open ended contract
* Get copy of MOU to Tony Romano and he will get a meeting with Joe Ceccini
* Send Tony notes and Memorandum

Tony Romano - Viaduct is on target for completion

Doric – Over population of cats

201-332-1187 – Bill O’Day has someone who took cats. Stray cat issue at Doric

50/50 Winner – Bob Boudreau – Winnings $24.00 donated to WPA – Thank you Bob!

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Trustee and Officer - Vote

Bob Boudreau – 3 ½ years in heights

-Best group in organization –

Vilma Cabrera–Lives in Union City – Grad student – Full Time Intern – Want help make the park beautiful. Likes to work with energetic people.

Congratulations to the new Trustees and Executives– Terms Nov 2013 – Oct 2015

For WPA Vice President Reelection Wendy Paul –Term will expire 10/15.

Trustee Term in affect and Expires 10/14

For Trustees

1. For Trustees Reelection – Nick Caballero new term to Expire 10/15
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Adjourn 9:00pm