**WPA General Monthly Meeting**

**Minutes 3/3/2014**

Attendees:

Mory Thomas – Trustee

Terri Neuner – Secretary/ Trustee

Nick Caballero- President/ Trustee

Ben Duronio – M

Kern Weissman – G

Euceph Brown – M

Wendy Paul – Vice President/ Trustee

Pankaj Kapadia – G

Vincent MacNamara – G

POA LaBruno – JCPD – G

Amanda Merlino –

Jack Ackerman – G

Jenny Coley – G

Charles Stryker – M

Ron Clemente – G

Bob Boudreau – Trustee

Robert Luckritz – G

Capt Martinez- JCPD – G

Michael Yun – Ward D Councilman – M

Theresa Haywood – RRC – G

Becky Hoffman – G

Capt Anthony Romano – Freeholder – M

Sean Connors – M

John Brunn - M

**Quorum Present**

**Presidents Report**

My report is for the month of January and February

- I have been involved with meeting regarding the Riverview Arts District Visioning

- I have been in communication with the county's Director Richardson regarding MITP 2014 series

this is a movie series the county wants and the WPA chose not to do by board vote in October on 2013

- Beverly Brown and I were invited by Councilman Yun to join him as his Special Aids at NJTransit and NJDOT meeting (special thanks to Councilman Yun for allowing us to go and bring to light the affects these closures will cause in the Heights)

**Vice President’s Report**

Abbreviated report in lieu of Pulaski Skyway Presentation

\* Introduced Rob Luckritz, Jersey City Medical Center, Director of Government Relations and Interim Director of Emergency Medical Services.  He will be speaking at April Monthly Meeting to discuss services available at JCMC

\* Introduced Kern from Riverview Neighborhood Association; spoke about first seasonal cleanup scheduled in Jersey City Heights

\*  Reminder to all present to attend monthly Captain's meeting; reintroduced Capt. Martinez

**Treasurer’s Report – Katherine Not Present**

**Secretary’s Report**

**JC Fridays this Friday–** Please attend visit JCFridays.com for more info

50/50 Tickets $1 Each

Minutes - Ratified for meetings

12-2-2013

1-6-2014

1-16-2014

2-14-2014

3-1-2014

**JCPD stats**

50 Arrests -1 gun recovered

* 733 moving violations
* 73 city ordinances – NO SHOVELING
* 1364 Summons
* Last 3 cycles more police
* Heights is 2nd in the city with # of arrests
* Numerous arrests for drugs
* 350% increased arrests for drugs
* Heights Police are working hard to capture
* If there is any drug info, let police know.
* Capt Martinez. Unknown if more police will be assigned to heights.
* Several officers are retiring- There may be more.
* -41 accidents on Palisade Ave since work has begun.
* -Meeting with Office of Emergency Management regarding street closures
* -No street cleaning until further notice.
* -PLEASE CLEAN IN FRONT OF YOU HOME. Help the city!!
* -Pot holes are being address
* -RRC- Announced Fit It App.
* -27 headcount for calls
* If your TT is not addressed by Thur/ Friday the following week.

DOT of NJ meeting held last week.

* -Questions distributed
* -Timing on phases 1-4 provided
* -Begin working April 12 closure to start.
* -JC police to hire 5
* -51 locations where police will be positioned around Jersey City to direct traffic

**Traffic Issues – 139 Closure/ Pulasky - Capt Martizez**

* Traffic light at bottom of viaduct being researched and addressed
* 20 pieces of equipment sent out to install signage. No turn lanes will be established
* This info will be details in a PR campaign
* DO NOT block box - $150 fine
* Meeting to be held with BOE regarding transport to schools
* PATH Port Authority has been asked to stagger weekend closure
* Also meeting with PA. Their job is to keep traffic flowing.
* They need to address bottleneck of traffic flowing into tunnel.
* Statewide add campaign to be sent out.
* 139 will be closed in phases for 5 years.

**Michael Yun comments**

* -Holland Tunnel – Lincoln Tunnel will be affected
* **-Heights - Committee to set up in the heights ourselves. Committee will need to come up with plan to present.**

Main Issue

* -Paterson Plank road turns into dead end as train lights stops traffic every 2-3 minutes.
* -We could possibly ease problem if the train would stop for traffic
* -Upgrade elevator
* -Extra bus service- increase 40% PATH train.
* -Need to also increase 119 and 123 buses. Frequency- Day/night
* -Brian Stack- NJ DOT- NJ Transit to have meeting to increase these bus lines.
* -Exit 15x will be heavily used during Pulasky closure – Traffic to increase on Manhattan/ Secaucus Rds.
* -NJ DOT has the $$ to increase bus service.

**Rolando Lavarro comments–**

* -Willing to come and present their plans
* -9500 cars will move to different route during closure
* -Heights districts seemed to be ignored by DOT during alternate route planning
* -Agreed - We need to have meetings with DOT.

**Tony Romano comments**

* County roads – potholes – Need to be warmer to fix or it doesn’t hold.
* Viaduct –hopefully will be fully open late April.
* Much construction going in Hoboken
* Observer Highway will be a large construction site.
* Ravine Road update – April 15 2013 began – They should have been completed by now. Based on contract, Michael Yun will ensure that contractor is fined.
* NJ Transit passes should be cross honored during road closures

NJ Transit - $325 credit carpool credit possibly but DOT has not provided solid information.

**WPA brief Updates provided**

Updated guests on Events

-Planting in the Parks

-Goldman Sachs Day

-Movies in the Park Series – Approved by County!

**Green Acres Grant- Peter Basso:**

-Need to get to bid steps.

**Riverview Arts Districts – Mory Thomas:**

April 13th – Arts District Summit

All community stakeholders will be invited.

Think tank community to discuss proposed Arts District

Fun day to envision what our community will hope to transform into.

Sean Connors - Steward Membership - Dues paid

Adjourn 9:07pm