

WPA General Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday April 7, 2014

**Quorum Present**

Begin 7:31PM Call to order

Attendees

Robert Luckritz – G

Mory Thomas – Trustee

Wendy Paul – Trustee/ VP

Terri Neuner – Trustee/ Secretary

Katie Sheehan- Lopez - G

Ron Clement – G

Phil Cohen – G

Andrew LaBruno – JCPC North – G

Captain Edgar Martinez – JCPD North – G

Nick Caballero – President

Bob Boudreau- Trustee

Peter Basso – Advisor

Suzanna LaTorre – M

Vilma Cabrera – Trustee

Kern Weisman – G

Euceph Brown – G

Doug Fleiohe - M

Presidents Report

- Have coordinated Movies in the Park details with the assitance of Katherine, Mory, Vilma and the board.

- Worked with Mory, Ken Jennings regarding details of planting in the park 2014

- Asked Mayor Stack to provide 3 trees and 4 shrubs for the planting

- Worked with the board, RNA and other organizers of the Riverview Arts District Visioning and raised funds for the visioning as well

- Met with JCPD Captain Martinez of the North District regarding graffiti issues

Vice President’s Report

- Introduce Rob Luckritz, JCMC presentation

\*  Will speak about sponsorship during Fundraiser agenda item

Treasurer’s Report



Secretary’s Report

-Please visit our website [www.wpanj.org](http://www.wpanj.org) - Friends 20, Stewards 30, Evergreens 50

-50/50 – or simply donate

-Volunteer opportunities – Come weed with us!

**Phil Cohen** **– Candidate - Freeholder June 3rd**

Police Statistics – Capt. Martinez

* Arrest 66 - 1 gun/ 3 for year
* 808 moving Violations
* 93 city ordinances +
* 1340 summonses
* 1162 Summit – 2 arrests numerous drug transactions
* Pit Bull shot – Used as weapon
* Waverly – 13 Ravine - 28 grams of coke w/ gun
* 4lb Marajuana recovered
* 1 week 3 search warrents
* Dickinson HS Issues – multiple arrests for drugs and weapons
* Increased patrols in park – ordinance after 10pm $2500 to parents for kids in the park
* Graffiti – task force centralized
* Community service idea for offenders
* 214 Hopkins – arrests of taggers
* Charging kids on all $$ to fix it
* Send photos to:
* Policenorth@njccps.org
* Loews and Home, hardware stores…given one week to comply with paint selling or arrested.
* Turn around time for building owners to remove tags?
* Homeowner/ business owner needs remove 30 days..then summons
* -Peter Basso – How are tagged location prioritized to clean. – Older 1st.
* Community groups should volunteer
* Gang symbols? Not an issue
* 7 people in the last month arrested from different towns, Passaic, Clifton

DOT

If you see something out of control with traffic regarding Pulaski / 139 closure

Jitney question

Nick Caballero - Pulaski/ 139 Closures

* Michael Yun – Working to get meeting Mayor Stack
* Public meeting held – Study for buses in the heights to increase capacity
* Overnight service increase on 119 Bus

Kern

* Assessment of bus service
* Difference levels to work through to increase– Academy- NJ Transit –

Wendy

Light rail traffic must be improved. On the days malfunctioning, can we get a police to direct traffic.

Mory - Be sure to POST POST POST on social network – The city is watching the social media sites.

Head of light rail operations will be

Tricello – Chief of Lightrail.

JFK- to Tonnelle - Newark Ave

Viaduct - first week June to open

Ravine/ New York – End April to open

County Items – Anthony Romano

* County potholes are being filled up.
* Prisoners to be cleaning on Paterson Plank
* Running for Re election

Jersey City Medical Center

* 2 bankrupties since 2006
* Have received subsidies
* 2008 brought in new CEO – Mr Scott
* Focused on core mission
* Positive prfit in last 100 years
* HIV
* Homeless clinic
* Neo Natal Intensive care
* We wouldn’t take our pet to JCMC
* Worst to first!!!
* Barnabas Health System
* Walk in clinics
* 33% of Hudson county people go to NYC for help
* EMS provider – crown jewel of JCMC
* Major drain of hospital .
* EMS – World class EMS
* Only accredited EMS in Hudson County.
* Some of lowest response time – 9 min response time to 6 minutes
* Intelligent predicablity of emergency calls to EMS program
* At the end of the day- it changes lives.
* Implemented and resussitations increased 50%
* Recurrences of issues will trigger alert to health departments
* JCMC is not for profit
* $28M
* $40M Charity care received
* -NJ State law states that ANY hospital can assist and
* -49% of patience are not insured or under insured
* -Walk in clinics – No insurance but nominal charge = to general co pay $25-$30
* -Service concierge at JCMC – Help getting appts made, blood work,

Lisa Blando – Notice 7:40 pm 2nd Mory Thomas

Katie Shehan

Journal Square CSA

* Farm shares June – Oct = 22 Week
* 7 different
* now ½ - $286 - $13/ Week
* $462 – Vegetable for season
* $13 fruit per week
* Pick up in Journal Square – Hudson Pride – Every Monday 5-8 pm
* Trip the farm

Fundraising

* Liberty Savings Fund is voting on Wed
* Corp sponsorship package has been created
* Support! If your company matches

Events

* Planting in the Park April 26 – 9am-2pm
* 500 plants to be planted
* Union City to provide lunch

Goldman Sachs community team work

* In TriPark
* 20 Employees
* $2300 provided by GS for
* April 22

MITP

* Michelle Richardson to vote Thursday with county
* Animated movies

Green Acres

* Grant $375,000 + found monies
* Improving features of Washington Park
* Upgrades – signage- Picnic area
* Bid Specs are basically complete
* Increase height of signage
* Ken Jennings – John Duda Meeting today. Finalizing the bid
* Full speed ahead

Arts District Summit – Visioning!!

* Fun day
* Entertainment
* Orange and Olive food
* Contracted outside facilitator
* Over 125 RSVP – Maxed out space
* Waiting list in place
* Goal is to co create what we want the district to be!!
* Protect without prohibiting
* Copious notes will be taken

Sustainable JC

* We did not win grant
* New opportunity to bring idea to Charter School

Basso

* Budget Season @ City Hall
* Wed 16th 6pm Meeting to discuss

**Philip Cohen – Membership Evergreen - Full Dues Paid**

**Trustee Vote** – To approve WPA 2014 budget discussed and reviewed at 3/22 Special Trustee Meeting - **\*\* Approved \*\* Unanimous \*\***

Doric

* Trees on north part of Park 4 – Need to have cut, replace fence
* Stack has promised to paint bridge
* Who is responsible? Doric or City?
* Wall on Paterson Plank

50/50 - $55 take in

Winner - Nick Caballero – Donated $27.50 to WPA

Adjourn 9:20pm Terri Neuner 2nd