WPA General Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2014

Start 7:30pm

Quorum Present

Notice - Lisa Blando - 7:39pm 2nd Wendy Paul

**Attendees:**

Keith May

Ellen Pelli – M

Marcus Pelli – M

Charles Stofko – M

Capt. Edgar Martinez – G

Anthony Romano – M

Michelle Russo – G

Andrew LaBruno – G

Nick Caballero – President

Terri Neuner- Secretary

Vilma Cabrera – Trustee

Brianna Lawrence – G

Peter Gomes – G

William Fox – G

Bob Boudreau – Trustee

Lisa Blando – Trustee

Doug Fleisher - M

**Capt Martinez**

April 20 – May 17 Statistics

Adult Arrests - 74

Guns recovered - 11

Stabbings – 1

Moving Violations - 510

Parking summons 391

Juvenile Curfew Summons - 30

City Ordinance - QOL - 163

1,064 tickets in one month

YOY assaults down 11%

YOY Robberies down 47%

YOY Drug arrests up 85%

* Summit Ave has most problems with drugs
* Baldwin/ Beacon/ Oakland / Jefferson much drug arrests
* Short 15 police officers – We’ll be happy to get 10.
* Report suspicious people. Looking into houses from street.
* Owner of Laguna Lounge of arrested / 4 lbs marijuana
* ABC has 1 nomination for new member. Need to elect someone who has no affiliation to bars. Council Person maybe?
* Suggestion – Close bars at 2pm- Do not let anyone in after.
* Rt 139 lane closures starting now.
* Jitneys run red lights onto Paterson Plank Rd.
* Jitneys are being summoned daily – Capt.
* Curfew age 17 – 10pm weekday/ 11pm weekend
* Shooting in Park – All perps apprehended

Took place on UC side – No help from UC PD- No one was hurt.

* Graffiti- Better but need to get Mayor to go out and clean or get on businesses to clean.

**Tony Romano** –

-County going back to old work schedule 8:30pm-4:30pm.

-Viaduct hopefully scheduled July for completion. Weather set back.

-Need Tennis instructors for teaching in county parks – July 1- On county website.

-North District has been rejuvenated thanks to Capt Martinez.

-Holes on county roads being filled as fast as possible.

-Paterson Plank cleaning to being with prisoners.

-Signal light- Paterson Plank – Light Rail has been addressed.

-Everyone VOTE tomorrow!

**MITP –**

Sponsors –

Liberty Savings Fed Credit Union - $6K

County is obtaining own sponsorship as well.

**Teresa – Quality of Life**

* Trashs can needed– Nancy Carbone from Incinerator to check
* 671 Palisade backyard to be cleaned
* Webster and Congress needs more trash cans.
* 201-432-4645 ext. 646 Incinerator contact #.
* Parking with sports events more difficult- Follow signs – Saturday/ Sunday parking is terrible.
* Petition – for parking? What happened to it?
* Union City residents do not pay for parking.

**Goldman Sachs Event**

* 17 People and 1 child attended
* Great day
* “Best food of all events”
* Enjoyed the t-shirts and bags

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**Garden Maintenance Program**

-Tuesday and Thursday nights and Saturday Morning

**WP Live**

-Event Planning Meetings to begin in the next 2 weeks. Please join!

**Green Acres Grant Update**

* Bid Specs complete
* John Duda MKW – Pricing over budget
* $372K comes from State Grant
* Unused $ from other grants to be moved to Escrow account. May take time.
* $168K Grant given which county matched
* Provide better signage
* AVA access
* Upgraded picnic area
* Long journey to this point- Learned a lot

**Arts District-** Summit 100 People in attendance.

* Feedback – 26 responses.

**Bob Boudreau**- Jazz Fest Great success!

-Artist Group will have their 3rd meeting. Website to be active soon.

**FRESH Program**

-Bus kids to WP to learn the landscape of the learning garden.

-Hydroponics

Attend JC Fridays!

**Vote to approve or deny Joint Fundraising Agreement created for all future joint fundraising.**

-This was provided by Peter Basso and Pro Bono Partnership Legal Services.

(See document for review to vote)

Vote - Unanimous

Motion to adjourn 8:46pm 2nd Terri Neuner