



IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO CREATE COMMUNITY. JOIN US.

WPA General Monthly Meeting

Location: St. John's Lutheran Church - 155 North St. Jersey City, NJ 07307

Date: September 10, 2018

Time: 7:30pm- 9:00pm **Meeting called to order at 7:35PM / 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**

Owner

Call to order

Nick Caballero

- Welcome visitors and general membership ****Please sign in****
- Reading of WPA mission statement and rules of conduct

Mory Thomas
Nick Lawrence

- *Trustee Roll Call*
- **Mory Thomas – President - Present**
- **Nick Lawrence – Treasurer - Present**
- **Nick Caballero – Secretary - Present**
- **Wendy Paul – Trustee - n/a**
- **Jay McVey – Trustee - Present**
- **Andrea Brachfeld – Trustee - n/a**
- **Erin Kumpf – Trustee - n/a**
- **Yolanda Miranda – Trustee - Present**
- **Tim Brown – Trustee - Present**
- **Breanna Robles – Trustee - Present**

Nick Caballero

Others in attendance Hector Fermin, Jennifer Lozada, Paulina Jzefewicz, Katherine Parker, Roger Heitman and Officer Sarmiento JCPD North District

Nick Caballero

- **Ratify Minutes** - Minutes from WPA the General Monthly Meeting held on July 9, 2018, were all uploaded to the WPA website in due time and the August 6, 2018 Minutes were uploaded as well, but not in time for the WPA Trustees to review according to the WPA bylaws, Trustees are there any changes or omissions that need to be made to the July 9, 2018 minutes? If there are none, the minutes are ratified. **July 9, 2018 WPA General Monthly Minutes were Radified non-contested**

7:35PM /10mins

- **Officer Reports**
- **President Report – Mory Thomas** - *Working with JC and the county on improvements and tree issues, we need to raise funds throughout the year to maintain the gardens as stated in the WPA/County MOU*
- **Treasurer Report – Nick Lawrence** - *Closed out WPA and Summer programs with Nick Caballero, WPA cost \$23,394.25 / \$7,364 in WPA receivables from Sponsors and over payment to Premiere Outdoor movies of \$1,614 / 2018 Trustee fees add to our receivable of \$960*

Secretary Report – Nick Caballero - *Coordinated final WPA WPW programs and executed the events with the heavy lifting of the WPA trustees and volunteers, coordinated the additional screening of The Lion King Screening due to freak of nature event.*

Confirmed \$5000 sponsorship from CarePoint Health

Confirmed \$250 sponsorship from Policeman's Union

Confirmed \$500 sponsorship from Diamond Tech developers

Met with our Treasurer Nick Lawrence to close out WPW and discovered an over payment of \$1,640 to Premiere Outdoor Films and reach out to Premiere for reimbursement.

Set up meeting with Director DeLeo to walk the Park with Mory and I to discuss These are topic for our walk in the park tomorrow. Thanks in advance for meeting us.

- *Plans for Sod and Grass in Picnic area*
- *New Trees and Old Trees, Dead Trees, Damaged tree from Hurricane Irene in the Gazebo Area*
- *Caterpillar infestation*
- *Garden Maintenance*
- *Signage update*
- *Dog Run (package from Dog owner committee)*
- *Fencing along Manhattan Ave*
- *Bunker Boxes*
- *Storage in Compound*
- *Parks Staff*

7:45PM /20mins

- Jersey City Heights Crime Statistics
- 8/1/2018 thru 8/31/2018
- Total Adult Arrests - 44 (juvenile 2)
- Guns Recovered - 1
- Total Guns Recovered in 2018 1Shootings/ Shots fires 1 / 5
- Stabbings - 1
- Moving Violations - 320
- Parking Violations - 381
- Curfew Violations - 0
- Total Summonses 727

JCPD

New Captain of the North District is Joseph Santiago. Captain Martinez promoted to Deputy Chief

671 Palisade a safety issue due to construction crew

- Residents Response

New Business

8:05PM / 10 minutes

Jersey City Height Transportation Petition

Guest Speakers

Roger Heitmann - RNA heading the charge, NJ Transit / Stack / Raj / Community / Better and more busses needed to support our growing need / meetings set to continue conversation / FB public shaming for over crowded and no show buses

8:15PM / 10 minutes

Dog Run - Paulina and Jennifer - Willing to set pet committee / 92 Members on their FB page

- the dog run after a rain turns into a swamp

- Statement from park worker is “They don’t get paid to clean an oversized litter box”

- Other - Dog Run Costume Contest for Halloween

- damaged Hose Bib / Canopy / Kitty pool / Dog Run Gardaí???

Notes from FB exchange - 1) Drainage. There is no system in place for drainage and our run will stay flooded for DAYS after it rains. The bacteria that can multiple from water standing still is a danger to our dogs, not to mention all the mosquitoes and bugs it attracts.



Is there any possibility we can petition or help fund raise to get new turf similar to what's at Hoboken's Viaduct dog run? Or getting new sand to level out our dog run?



2) Leaky fountain. The fountain at the dog run is in need of serious repair. It has been leaking for months and floods the area. The most we've seen are workers come to pump the fountain but the leak continues. Is it possible we can add a hose extension to the fountain as well. So the dog owners can use for cleaning and summer cool downs.



The red fountain is to show an example of what other dog run fountains that also have a spout for hoses. Is it possible to get our fountain replaced with something similar?



3) Closing time. A lot of the residents in the area have requested the run stay open until 10pm instead of the current 8pm hours. A lot of residents have late work schedules plus the combination of the heat wave (we've had to wait till sundown when it's safer to take our dogs out).

4) Maintenance of the park in general. There is very little to no maintenance. We only see workers empty out the garbage bin and refill poop bags. No cleaning has taken place. Things like sweeping sand off the concrete, raking leaves/acorns/twigs, plucking the grass along the fences, keeping the gravel even. How can we get general maintenance of the park going?

Currently some dog owners have started to attempt to clean up



5) Removing the rocks that are in the middle of the run. We've had pups run into them. And the possibility of removing the stump in the small dog run and replacing with a bench

8:25PM / 5 minutes.

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 of Hector Manuel Fermin Perez for the Trustee remaining term of Federico Nealon - *Interview to be set*

8:30PM / 10 minutes Owner of this section WPA Board of Trustees

- **WPA Fundraising and Annual Sponsorship packet / Need to fundraise - *All to be fundraising***

- **WPA - Programming - WPW Washington Park Wednesdays / Garden Maintenance Recaps**

- **Green Acres Project / Picnic Area / Signage - All information sent to Sign company on August 13, 2018 awaiting sample specs.**

8:40PM - Other

9:00PM - 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