



WPA General Monthly Meeting Minutes 8.3.17

Start time – 7:31pm

Attendees:

Andrea Brachfeld
Erin Kumpf
Federico Nealon
George Fujioka
Nick Lawrence

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President's Report:

*Success of Music in the Park : voodudies

*We were going to hold another Music in the Parks concert on Aug 12 but we figured with the Green Acres park near, we'd plan for our music event to coincide

*WPA donated \$200 JCPD for National Night Out- Federico Nealon, Andrea Brachfeld and Nick Caballero attended

*Has been in communication with Jamie "Kindness Rock" project Jamie will attend later meeting). Paint rocks throughout the park

*Kona Ice contacted Andrea and is interested with Ribbon Cutting

*Many discussions re: pavers (to be expanded later this evening)

Treasurer's Report:

We're in good standing and paid up for past events.

- Account balance for July
 - Starting \$25,715.65
 - Closing balance \$24,280.36
 - Deposits:
 - \$75.00 Donation
 - Interest \$1.05
 - Expenses: \$1,540.24

- Goodfriend Self-storage - \$139.00
- Music In the Park - \$1,401.24
 - United Rental \$144.48 - 7/10/17
 - VooDudes - \$1,200
 - Dora Weiss (face painting) - \$50
 - C-Town \$6.76

Secretary Report:

Minutes of prior two meetings have been uploaded to our site

7:38-7:40 pm

Officer Lopez: Stats

*Concerns

Andrea Brachfeld-on street there is a cone saving a parking spot (Across from 9 Leonard)

Officer Lopez: also people painting parking spots has been an issue

Advice: contact city /parking authority to perhaps give warning

7:41PM

Carepoint Presentation:

Ruddys: ext affairs for Carepoint -

*Carepoint has been focusing on community outreach

*Thanks to Nick, Mory and Wendy for all of their support

*Always hears positive feedback about our park

Ann Logan COO for Hoboken University Medical Center and is a registered nurse

Carepoint now has 3 hospitals: Bayonne, Christ and Hoboken (all 3 were in bankruptcy)

*55% of patients are underprivileged

*\$\$ made for these hospitals go right back into the hospitals

*Buying new equipment, giving raises (bc for-profit you don't usually hear the positive)

Hoboken: Used to be St Marys (154 years old)

*Now its Carepoint Community Hospital

*Facilities include Medical/surgical/OR/ED, radiology lab, psychiatric services

*OB: has done a lot of work/renovations/round the clock docs-wants to bring more patients

-instituted new programs with midwives , water births

-Focus on GYN surgery with robotics

*PAs, Nurse Practitioners

Ruddys: Carepoint now has their mobile health van-25 different screenings

*sometimes nurse practitioners

*Often go where they don't have access/not mobile

*Tax paying standout of Carepoint: They spend 22million in taxes paid

*largest private employments in hudson county at 4,000 employees.

- *Physician practices
- *Meditation for employees

Andrea: alternative therapies such as music?
-they haven't yet but doesn't mean they won't/can't

Mory: preventative medicine
*They are trying to establish more outreach

Shift from inpatient model to outpatient model

Jay: Aren't they rewarded for reducing time of occupied beds?

- Government funding applied/not applied based on patient satisfaction, infection rate
- *based on certain conditions there is formula that determines how long patient should be in hospital
 - *they are rewarded for making criteria
 - *Less infections
 - *Their goal is to make sure they take care of patients, reducing

Heather Wahl (Speranza Theatre)

- *Women's theater company: focus on shows that provide opportunities for women (playright, actors, behind the scenes, etc) and that shows they select deal with women's issues
- *do hire men too!
- *Non profit company who works with various orgs in JC
- *Works with JC Fridays so at least 4 opportunity for shows
- *Past 3 years work with Women Rising who takes women and children and empower them to self-sufficiency AND presented with Hudson county Comm college and St Peters a meeting presentation for domestic violence and raises funds for Women's Rising
- *"Stories of Hope" in Oct which is National Domestic Violence month—recorded interviews and playwrights created stories based on what they heard Women' Rising, Stories of Hope (last year it sold out!) will do again this year
- *"Pay what you can night": you pay whatever you can to come see show and select local org. (VFW, or Historic Society) and money goes to the org.

"Unveiling Liberty": 2 years to get up and running

- *centered around a fictional family in 1886
- *unveiling of the statue of liberty
- *performed at schools (1st grade and up) as well

Parks Idea: perhaps doing theater in Washington Park

- *meant to be traveling show to various schools so makes sense to perform in spaces like parks because they have that moving capability

*historical and education teams as well as script writers (checked for accuracy and packets sent to schools with Q/A)

*Potential for park: have cross word puzzles/wordsearchs before the show and option of talk back

Andrea: do you know about “Young Audiences”-if you have presentation, they provide services to public schools

Mory: we worked with JC Children’s Theater in park

*If we wanted to do performance in the park: what is financial commitment

\$1200

6-7 actors and one tech person involved (they load in and out/bring own sound)

*don’t need a stage

*Not set in the round

Green Acres Update:

Mory: why did we not proceed with asphalt verses the pavers?

Andrea: Special Trustee Meeting to discuss just installing concrete instead of pavers

*County has agreed to pay the \$22,900 contingent that Sita agrees to sign form

Questions raised:

*Can we use another company for asphalt if we final (is there a way out for us)?

*What is the county’s official position on this?

Outstanding:

Signage: original grant specs has several diff types and at some point Nick went with MKW to determine where signs will be.

Mory and Wendy edited. In each section of the park we need to say something.

They need a name so we need to discuss as a board

City of Trees

Mory Thomas Presents: (in partnership with JC Parks Coalition and WPA)

What: *We received a \$20,000 Grant

In coordination with “National Make a Difference Day” which is sat 28th - this is a NJ tree foundation in JC Parks Coalition Event of which WPA is a member and Mory is a rep.

***We are planting 80 trees with TD Bank employees.**

*It is not a community volunteer event as far as We now, right now...could change if TD is open to other people being there but its a corporate bonding activity day.

When: October 25th All day (starting 8-9am and til)

Where: TBD (NJ Tree Foundation, WPA and county are picking locations)

*Unclear whether just inside park or also lining Patterson Plank Road (which is what we are trying to get them to do.)

*JC Parks Coalition will determine what role we will play (County has final say on where)

*Mory walked part with Elena Lopez last year and meeting with Kevin Wang an county planning staff to finalize where they will go, what type of species (TD banks wanted native) with small bits of ornamental pieces may always be night

*County is responsible for caring for the trees after planting but WPA will be "leaned upon" to help water but onus is on country bc lack of water sources (so needs to be a water truck which county doesn't have enough of.)

*Our job is to oversee

*As part of JC coalition, WPA should have as many people there to help.

*Maintenance: big obstacle is getting county to approve tree planting is who is going to maintain and water (Hoping they will agree to this but whatever we can do as WPA

*Gator Bags: JC Parks Coalition—TD Bank asked if they could take a few line items off like Gator Water Bags ...about \$25 per so 80 trees is about \$2K. Perhaps we could participate/donate or fundraise

*Mayor Stack has private water company to take care of #3 (Letter from Andrea to see if they will take care of others)

*letter was sent to the county so need to follow up/check to see if they responded!

*Ribbon Cutting/Music in park we should put out newsletter

Mayor and Council Debates:

*Brian Rans approached us about supporting mayoral and council debates: setup/breakdown/volunteers

*Include on Agenda for meeting on Monday evening (need motion to vote)