



Washington Park Association of Hudson County

Minutes - December 5, 2019

Time: 7:32PM Called to Order / Second Tim Brown

Location: 155 North Street at St. John's Church Parish Hall (first room in hallway on right)

Meeting called by: WPA Board of Trustees

Facilitator: Nick Lawrence

Minute Keeper: Nick Caballero

Time Allowances:

7:30 PM - (Time allowed: 5 minutes)

• **Call to order**

- Welcome visitors
- Reading of WPA mission and rules of conduct
- Trustee roll call

Board of Trustees Attending Y /

N

Mory Thomas – President - Y

Nick Lawrence Treasurer - Y

Nick Caballero Secretary - Y

Andrea Brachfeld Trustee - N

Tim Brown – Trustee - Y

Hector Fermin – Trustee - N

Starr James - Trustee - Y

Vacancy – Trustee N/A

Yolanda Miranda Trustee - N

Katherine Parker Trustee – Y

7:48PM Second Nick Lawrence

- Ratification of minutes at 7:49PM

Minutes from the October 7, 2019 and the November 4, 2019 were uploaded to the WPA website, Trustees are there any omissions or changes needed, If not the minutes will be ratified.

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.

In attendance other than trustees: Maria Alarcon, Timothy Schwartz, Eric Fleming, Paul Scalia, M.S, Laura Santo, Jennifer Lozada, Officer #1, Officers Mohamad, Joe Horowitz and Freeholder Romano.

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.

7:35 PM - (Time allowed: 5 minutes)

- **Officer Reports**

- **President's report – Annual Report** – Successful year of programming, annual spring planting, WPW, negotiated plants and trees, coordinated meeting between UC and Hudson County for park upgrades and designs, coordinated programming support by UC and Hudson County. Statement: "Congratulations to all who are stepping up to lead the WPA,

Treasurer's report – Annual Report-

Overall Expenditures

- General Funds at Beginning of 2019 - \$8132.36
- General Funds Ending 2019 - \$8942.11
- Operational Expenses - \$2934.68
- Event Expenses
 - Spring Planting - \$1328.64
 - Washington Park Wednesdays - \$6795.72
- Garden Maintenance
 - Projected - \$8640
 - Actual - \$3238.69

Operational Expenses

- Insurance - \$1646.41
- Organization Registration - \$577.50
- Storage - \$670.00
- Publicity - \$40.77

Spring Planting in the Park

- Promotion - \$268.60
- Plants - \$464.84
- Feeding volunteers - \$484.28
- Misc. Supplies - \$45.56

Washington Park Wednesdays

Initial Budget: \$20,000

Total Cost: \$6759.72

Cost Breakdown

- Premiere Outdoor Movies - Screening - \$1614
- Best Entertainment Around - Popcorn - \$800
- Swank Motion Pictures - \$1867
- Palisade Family Success Center - \$200.44
- Skyway Family Success Center - \$95.94
- Popcorn, Toys, Bubbles - \$766.389
- Promotion - \$936.88
 - Banners, flyers, etc.
- Sam's Club - \$214.60 (was more than covered by concession sales)

WPA Charitable Giving

- Jersey City Parks Coalition - \$120
- WP Little League - \$450

Major Donations to WPA

\$1000+

- Carepoint Health -\$5000
- Inserra ShopRite - \$1000
- McCaffery Enterprises - \$1000
- Nick Caballero Ideas for Living - \$1,000

\$250+

- Statewide Granite - \$250
- Steven Fulop Election Campaign - \$300
- Hudson County - \$500

- **Secretary's report – Annual Report** – Here to support the president and treasurer. It has been a pleasure to contribute efforts to our park and community. Statement: "To the new board, thank you for stepping up and always work unselfishly to safeguard the WPA. Create programming that all can support and keep politics out." Congratulations and I look forward to your success."

7:40 PM - (Time allowed: 15 minutes)

• **Community Partners and Guests**

- Jersey City North District Crime Statistics – 34 Arrests, No Guns, 17 Guns recovered in 2019, 592 moving violations and a total of 922 violations
- North District announcements – N/A

- Other guest speakers or announcements – Maria Alarcon – 512 Quantum is a Restaurant first and lounge secondary... Dancing on the weekends. Toy Drive on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019

7:55 PM - (Time allowed: 15 minutes)

WPA Board of Trustee Election

All candidates to say a 30-second to 1 minute bio and value added to the WPA

Any candidates not present will not be considered for a vote.

8:10 PM – (Time allowed 10 minutes)

New WPA Board of Trustees Elected in for 1 and 2-year Terms

Results are as follows –

WPA Executive Board

Nick Lawrence for President elected in for a 1-year term expires 11/2/2020

Jessica Glenza for Vice President elected in for a 2-year term expires 11/1/2021

Mike Sihksnel for Treasurer elected in for a 1-year term expires 11/2/2020

Starr James for Secretary elected in for a 1-year term expires 11/2/2020

WPA Trustees Elected in for 1 and 2-year terms

Eric Fleming 1-year term

Paul Scalia 1-year term

Mike Sihksnel 1-year term

Tim Brown 2-year term

Jessica Glenza 2-year term

Laura Healy-Santo 2-year term

Jennifer Lozada 2-year term

Daniel Savaterri 2-year term

- **Old Business**

- **Green Acres update: Signage layout in production / examples present for review. Not shown. Will deliver to the e-board**
- **WP Dog Run renovations: Should be breaking ground soon. Ready to execute**
- **Workout Station under construction / moving right along**

- **Other New Business –**
- **Washington Park Tree Lighting Ceremony – Wednesday, December 4, 2019 6PM**
- **Holiday Party / Cheer / Donation ask**

9PM – Adjournment Second Tim Brown

MEETING NOTES: