



Washington Park Association of Hudson County

Minutes - SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

Time: 7:32PM Called to Order / Second Nick Lawrence

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 Taker: 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 - N

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 - Y

Katherine Parker Trustee - Y

Wendy Paul Trustee - N

Vacancy - Trustee – N/A

Quorum 6 Trustees present of 9
seated

- Ratification of minutes

Minutes were ratified for June, July and August 2019
General Monthly Meetings and Special Trustee
meeting held on August 14, 2019, by unanimous vote.

***Others in attendance – JCPD Officers (2), Laura
Santo and Eric Fleming***

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.

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

• Officer Reports

- President's report – Within the body of the programming and updates
- Treasurer's report - \$8600 in the bank, outstanding checks to clear \$1,614 to Premeire Movies for WPW, and \$360 to Landscaper. WPW came in way under budget, Great work.
- Secretary's report - Within the body of the programming and updates

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

• Community Partners and Guests

- Jersey City North District Crime Statistics – 1079 Summons issued / Nothing of major concern
- North District announcements – September 18th at 9:30AM 20th Annual JC Police “Fishing with Friends” Outing / Time 9:30AM / Liberty State Park – near Visitors Center off Morris Pesin Drive.
- 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat – Thursday, October 24, 2019 from 6PM to 9PM / Rain Date Friday, October 25, 2019 / Location Jefferson St btwn Central Ave and Summit Ave. for more info. Contact Police Officer M. Ramos ay mramos2@njcps.org or call 201.539.0177
- Community quality of life concerns – No Issues / Thank you to North District for all the work done to secure 671 Palisade during the construction process.
- Other guest speakers or announcements – N/A

7:55 PM - (Time allowed: 25 minutes)

- **Old Business**

- Green Acres update: Signage / Final stage waiting on signs in production which need to be approved when received before final payment is given.
- WP Dog Run renovations: 9/9/19 Meeting update / Meeting happened / waiting on response
- Garden Maintenance Update: Hired a landscaper to work in August through end of September. Budget vs. Projected / Within budget / may stop where we are at. TBD
- WPA Nomination Committee: Discuss trustee and officer candidates on the record. / Many good candidates / We begin vetting / May update candidate docs
- Re-Cap: Washington Park Wednesdays: What worked, what didn't, budgeted vs. actual / Better marketing needed, too many flyers went into recycling / great giveaways, ice pops and popcorn / great partners in Palisade Family Success Center / SIDEWALK CHAULK WAS GREAT! And free! Special thanks to Starr James / Snack sales cleared \$500

8:20 PM - (Time allowed: 15 minutes)

- **New Business**

- **Inclusionary Zoning** - Garden State Episcopal - Gillian Allen/Beverly Brown-Ruggia: Request for the WPA to co-sponsor and help organize a community meeting to educate residents about upcoming affordable housing zoning votes by city council and what we can do to support.
 - **MOTION: Second Nick Lawrence / Passed by unanimous vote of Trustees**
Mory Thomas would like to motion for the WPA to engage in this community outreach and education about the upcoming Inclusionary Zoning ordinances coming before Jersey City Council.
- **Annual Meeting** postponed to December to allow more work on trustee and executive board rosters, during this transitional year as Nick Caballero and Mory Thomas step down from the association.
 - **MOTION: Second Nick Lawrence / Passed by unanimous vote of Trustees**
Mory Thomas would like to motion to move the WPA Annual Meeting from November 4th to December 2nd, to allow more time to recruit trustees and officers for the board.
- **WPA Meet and Greet BBQ** for potential trustees and officers on September 22nd at 3PM. / Menu TBD some vegetarian and vegan items
- **Other New Business:** Open discussion
- LAP Grant to be shared with trustees

8:10 PM – **Adjournment / Second Nick Lawrence**

MEETING NOTES: