



# Washington Park Association of Hudson County

## Minutes - February 3, 2020

Time: 7:30PM Called to Order

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: Starr James

## Attendance

Quorum, 10 trustees in attendance

### Board of Trustees

Nick Lawrence, President: Y  
Jessica Glenza, Vice President: Y  
Mike Sihksnel, Treasurer: Y  
Starr James, Secretary: Y  
Jennifer Birge, Trustee: N  
Tim Brown, Trustee: Y  
Laura Healy-Santo, Trustee: N  
Eric Fleming, Trustee: Y  
Kate Lawrence, Trustee: Y  
Jennifer Lozado, Trustee: Y  
Katherine Parker, Trustee: Y  
Daniel Savaterri, Trustee: Y  
Paul Scalia, Trustee: N

### Others

Officer Matthew Ramos, JCPD  
Freeholder Romano

## Call to Order

Time Allowances:

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

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

- Ratification of minutes

Minutes from the 1/6/2020 meeting were 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.*

**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.*

**Officer Reports**

- **President's report**
  - Park worker passed away - motion to send flowers passed
  - Nick L. attended Marriott Project meeting
  - JC Parks Coalition meets 2nd Thursday of each month from 7-9p, WPA to try to send representation
- **Treasurer's report**
  - \$650 raised during fundraiser
  - \$11,200 in bank
  - TD Bank needs to restore bank card access
  - Need to audit bylaws
  - For fundraisers with prizes >\$1000, need a permit, which can open other fundraising opportunities
- **Secretary's report**
  - Investigate cost of WPA email addresses

**Community Partners and Guests**

- Jersey City North District Crime Statistics
- North District announcements

## **New Business**

- Vote on bylaws and amendments in March, hope to ratify by April
- Contact past big donors like Shop Rite, Carepoint
- Mailers to smaller past donors
- Reach out to businesses along Central Ave for awareness/fundraising
- Officer Ramos charity event, Feb. 28 at the Corkscrew
- GoFundMe for big events? (spring/fall planting, Little League sponsorship)
- Walk through gardens to introduce new members, check on equipment
- Consider putting up signage in the gardens with WPA logo/info
- Create a spreadsheet of beds/ appropriate plants
- Reach out to Rutgers Co-Op for a volunteer gardener?

## **Old Business**

- Green Acres update: Signage layout in production.
- WP Dog Run renovations
- Workout Station under construction

## **9PM – Adjournment**