

*Minutes of:
Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board
March 28, 2007
Lincoln Park Administration Building, Jersey City, NJ*

Board Members Attending:

Sarah Crew, Chair

Jacob DeLemos

William LaRosa

Joseph Liccardo, Vice Chair

Stephen D. Marks, Secretary

Thomas McCann

Henry Sanchez

John T. Baier

Absent Board Members:

Bobbie Morgan

Others Attending:

Mariano Vega, HC Director of Parks, Engineering, and Planning

Anthony Bell, JC Comm. That Care Coalition

William J. Hampton, Jersey City Resident

Massiel Ferrara, HC Div. of Planning

Jonathan Luk, HC Div. of Planning

The meeting began at 12:07 p.m. with a welcome by Chair Sarah Crew. Board Member Stephen Marks recited the Open Public Meetings statement followed by the roll call, with Board Member Bobbie Morgan absent. After the flag salute, Ms. Crew asked if the board members reviewed the minutes, Board Member Bill LaRosa motioned to accept and Board Member Henry Sanchez seconded the motion.

Mr. Marks distributed information item **5.1, 2007 Open Space Application Preliminary Report**, providing a summary of the applications submitted. Mr. Marks then announced that applicant for PI-25-07, Port Authority Police Memorial Park, wished to withdraw the application. The applicant was not registered with the IRS as a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization and ineligible to apply to the Open Space Trust Fund Program.

Mr. Marks then announced the City of Bayonne will not be seeking reimbursement for application No. OS-13-05, North Street Soccer Field. The acquisition is no longer possible due to development on the site. In addition, the Town of Secaucus will no longer be seeking reimbursement for application No. OS-09-05, "Petrillo" site due to similar reasons. Mr. Marks stated the Hudson County Division of Planning should be receiving letters from the City of Bayonne and Town of Secaucus regarding these issues.

Board Member Thomas McCann then requested for a summary of the total available funding from the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund and inquired about any applicants that have not sought reimbursement yet. Mr. Marks replied the Hudson County Community College was still in negotiations with the landowners for the acquisition of 141 Sip Avenue in Jersey City.

Mr. Marks then announced the Advisory Board members were invited to the Opening of the Ellis Island Ferry Terminal on Ellis Island. In addition, Mr. Marks announced the applicant presentations and site visits will be scheduled for April 16th through April 24th.

In attendance was William J. Hampton who asked if there was an application for a pool in Jersey City. Mr. Marks replied there were no such applications. Mr. Hampton then inquired about the County Plaza Park, and Mr. Marks referred to application No. PI-06-07 for the development of a public park at 257 Cornelison Street in Jersey City.

Also in attendance was Director Mariano Vega of the Hudson County Dept. Of Parks, Engineering, and Planning who announced the Hudson County Request for Proposals to create a non-profit, conservancy organization to act as steward for all public parks in Hudson County.

There was no new or old business to report. Mr. McCann motioned to adjourn with Mr. Marks seconding. The meeting ended at 12:54 pm.