

*Minutes of:
Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board
September 27, 2006
Lincoln Park Administration Building*

Board Members Attending:

Sarah Crew, Chair

William LaRosa

Joseph Liccardo, Vice- Chair

Stephen D. Marks, Secretary

Thomas McCann

Henry Sanchez

Absent Board Members:

Bobbie Morgan

Others Attending:

**John T. Baier, HC Division
of Housing & Community
Development**

**Massiel Ferrara, HC
Division of Planning**

**Steven Latham, JC
Reservoir Preservation
Alliance**

**Jonathan Luk, HC Division
of Planning**

The meeting began at approximately 12:05 p.m with a welcome from Chair Sarah. Sarah Crew asked Secretary Steven Marks to read the Open Meeting Notice and roll call.

Steven Marks called the roll of members. A quorum was present with Board Member Bobbie Morgan absent. The members then conducted the flag salute. Steven Marks announced the presence of guest Steve Latham of the Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance.

Steven Marks then asked if the Board Members reviewed the minutes from the June 14, 2006 meeting. Henry Sanchez motioned to accept the minutes, and Bill LaRosa seconded. The minutes were adopted.

Moving on to **Agenda Item 5- Discussion on the “Review and Discuss Updates to the Open Space Program Statement and Application,”** Steven Marks requested Massiel Ferrara to review the Open Space Program Statement changes. Massiel Ferrara then stated the changes in the funding availability to 50% dedicated for open space acquisition and 50% dedicated for both park improvements and historic preservation.

Sarah Crew asked for a motion to approve the program statement. Henry Sanchez requested for an annotation listing the changes in the Program Statement. Sarah Crew recommended that the Program Statement be consistent, but the changes should be highlighted for the County Freeholders. Henry Sanchez then motioned to approve the Program Statement and Bill LaRosa seconded. All Board Members voted aye to submit the Program Statement to the Freeholders.

Steven Marks then introduced “**Agenda Item 6- Discussion of the Hackensack RiverWalk Plan**” to the Board Members with a short PowerPoint presentation. Steven Marks stated the Hudson County Division of Planning will be working on the plan with a goal of adoption by the Planning Board as a Master Plan Element, County Freeholder approval, and endorsement by the Open Space Advisory Board.

Moving on to Old Business, Steven Marks announced the vacant Board seats due to the resignations

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of Jacob DeLemos and Megan Callus. John Baier of the Hudson County Division of Housing & Community Development is nominated to the seat previously held by Jacob DeLemos, pending County Executive and Freeholder approval. Steven Marks then stated the Freeholder Board approved the resolutions on Sept. 10 for disbursing the Open Space Trust funds as recommended by County Executive Thomas DeGise.

In New Business, Steven Marks announced that Thomas McCann and Ken Jennings of Hudson County Division of Parks were to be honored by the Hackensack Riverkeeper. Steven Marks then announced the Passaic River Coalition was designated to the Technical Advisory Committee by the EPA for the Passaic River cleanup. There will be several upcoming events including the 2nd Annual Passaic River Symposium held at Montclair State University on Oct. 13 and the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference. Steven Marks then announced Jonathan Luk of Hudson County Division of Planning will handle the Open Space Program duties.

Bill LaRosa then asked if cemetery preservation would qualify under the Open Space program. Steven Marks suggested that the Board look into the existence of any non-profit organizations as cemetery caretakers. Henry Sanchez then motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Thomas McCann seconded. The meeting ended at 1:40 PM.