

*Minutes of:
Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board
February 28, 2007
Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority
51 Port Terminal Blvd., Bayonne, NJ*

Board Members Attending:
Sarah Crew, Chair
Jacob DeLemos
William LaRosa
Joseph Liccardo, Vice Chair
Stephen D. Marks, Secretary
Bobbie Morgan
Thomas McCann
Henry Sanchez

Absent Board Members:

Others Attending:
Massiel Ferrara, HC Division of Planning
Jonathan Luk, HC Division of Planning
Bill Sheehan, Hackensack Riverkeeper
Nick Vos Wein, Hackensack Riverkeeper
Jerry Willis, National Park Service
John Collins, Town of Secaucus Representative
John Fussa, City of Bayonne
Jesse Ann Ransom, Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor
Suzanne Mack, Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor
Glenn Wrigley, City of Jersey City
Charlene Burke

The meeting began at 12:05 p.m. with a welcome by Chair Sarah Crew. The roll call was conducted by Secretary Stephen Marks. A full quorum was present. The members then conducted the flag salute.

Sarah Crew asked if the board members have reviewed the minutes from the January 17, 2007 monthly meeting. Board member Henry Sanchez motioned to accept the minutes with Vice Chair Joe Liccardo seconding the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

The meeting then proceeded with discussion item **5.1 Presentation on the Hackensack River Water Trail Draft Action Plan**, Stephen Marks introduced Captain Bill Sheehan and Nick Vos Wein of the Hackensack Riverkeeper and Jerry Willis of the National Parks Service. Captain Sheehan conducted a slide show presentation on the Hackensack River Water Trail Draft Action Plan, which is a series of thirteen connected boat and access points along the Hackensack River in Bergen and Hudson Counties. A hard copy of the presentation was made available to the board members and audience. Upon completion of the presentation, Board Member William LaRosa suggested the Hackensack Riverkeeper form a bi-county advisory committee and emphasize public education.

Moving on to item **5.2 Presentation on the Jersey City Parks and Recreation Master Plan**, the board welcomed Glenn Wrigley of the Jersey City Division of Architecture. Mr. Wrigley presented a Progress Report on the Jersey City Parks and Recreation Master Plan focusing on the plan objectives, park needs assessment, and summary of park improvement recommendations. A hard copy of the presentation was made available to the board members and audience.

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Mr. Wrigley then described several immediate actions including applications to the Hudson County Open Space for the acquisition of properties along Berry Lane, park improvements for a new municipal pool complex, and the possibility of establishing a Jersey City Open Space Trust Fund. Board member Jacob DeLemos then asked if the Jersey City Trust Fund will be in addition to the County Trust Fund, and Mr. Wrigley confirmed. Mr. Wrigley also indicated a goal to have the non-profit Jersey City Parks Coalition include all 65 municipal parks, not just the current eleven parks. In addition, Mr. Wrigley stated another goal was having developers complete terms of development agreements with City to provide parks and/or funding towards open space.

The board then thanked both speakers for the presentations. Bill LaRosa then suggested Segway Rentals may be possible along the Hudson County waterfront for educational tours.

Moving on to discussion item, **5.3 Community Forestry Plan**, Stephen Marks described the goal of County Executive Thomas DeGise to plant 1,000 new trees along county roads and parks; and 10,000 trees over ten years. The Hudson County Division of Planning will create an Urban Forestry Plan to assist in this initiative. For action item **6.1 Resolution to Endorse ANJEC Smart Growth Grant Application**, it was determined county open space boards are not eligible to apply, however, the board members encouraged municipalities to apply. John Fussa, City Planner for Bayonne, stated Bayonne was awarded the ANJEC grant last year and would like to work with Hudson County on the “Green Streets” program.

Bill LaRosa then made an announcement on the county’s request for qualifications for the Hudson County Public Art Commission. Hudson County has collected a \$.01 cent tax dedicated to creating public art, the only county in NJ to do so. There was no old or new business to report. Henry Sanchez motioned to adjourn with Stephen Marks seconding the motion. The meeting ended at 2:05 pm.