



*Minutes of:
Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board
February 27, 2008
Lincoln Park Administration Building, Jersey City, NJ*

Board Members Attending:
Joseph Liccardo, *Chair*
Henry Sanchez, *Vice Chair*
Stephen D. Marks, *Secretary*
William LaRosa
Cassandra Wilday
Thomas McCann
Jacob DeLemos
John Baier
Bobbie Morgan

Others Attending:
Jonathan Luk,
HC Planning
Daniela Ciammaruconi,
HC Planning
James Waddleton
City of Jersey City

The meeting began at 12 pm when Chairman Joe Liccardo gave the meeting open. Board Secretary Stephen Marks read the Open Public Meetings statement conducted the roll call and the flag salute. Vice Chair Henry Sanchez motioned to accept the minutes from the January 23rd Monthly Meeting with Board Member Jacob DeLemos seconding. The board unanimously adopted the minutes.

Mr. Marks then introduced **Action Item 5.1, Introduction of the Draft Hackensack River Greenway Plan**. Jonathan Luk stated that maps showing existing trails, walkways, and paths will be mailed to board members. Mr. Luk also stated that a draft of the Hackensack River Greenway Map as well as a copy of the NJ DEP "Public Trust Doctrine" for access along New Jersey's waterfront will be provided to the Board for review and comment for the March 2008 Advisory Board Meeting.

Mr. Marks stated that former Board Member Sarah Crew requested a status report on past grant applications, and then introduced **Item 6.1, Request for Status Reports from 2005 Grant Applications**. Board Member William LaRosa suggested for discussion that the project description section in the status report be expanded so that applicants can explain in further detail the scope and progress of approved projects. Mr. Marks and Mr. Luk agreed to revise the status report and agreed that an annual report will be appropriate. Mr. Sanchez then referred to the financial report provided by the Bayonne Community Museum.

In new business, Mr. Marks added that the Division of Planning will be drafting an Urban Forestry Plan. Board Member Cassandra Wilday stated that she is a member of the Hoboken Shade Tree Commission. Ms. Wilday added that any Shade Tree Ordinance should be written properly as to include the maintenance and type of shade trees. Mr. Marks agreed and stated that all information from the board that is beneficial will be welcomed.

In other business, Board Member Bill LaRosa suggested the Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board join the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Mr. Marks then motioned to adjourn with Mr. LaRosa seconding.

The meeting ended at 1 pm.

Respectfully prepared
and submitted by:
Jonathan Luk