

*Minutes of:
Hudson County Open Space Advisory Board
October 26, 2005
Lincoln Park Administration Building*

Attendees:

Brian Buckley

Megan Callus

Sarah Crew

Jacob DeLemos

Massiel Ferrara

Bill LaRosa

Stephen Marks

Tom McCann

Henry Sanchez

The meeting began at approximately 11:05 am with a welcome by board chair Sarah Crew and who then asked Stephen Marks to read the Open Meeting Notice and roll call.

Stephen Marks called the roll of members. A quorum was present. The members then conducted the flag salute.

Sarah Crew began with introducing and welcoming the newest board member, Megan Callus. Then she turned to the review and adoption of the September 28, 2005 minutes. Jacob DeLemos motioned to accept and Stephen Marks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

Stephen Marks gave an update on the October 13th Freeholders' meeting. He informed the board that the 2005 Open Space recommendations were accepted, board members reappointed and the board vacancy was filled with Megan Callus.

Sarah Crew asked the status of the bonding and distribution of the grant money. Brian Buckley said the bond ordinance was introduced and accepted at the last Freeholders meeting. Grantees will be receiving their award amounts shortly. Sarah Crew also asked Brian Buckley to give the board monthly updates on the financial status of the Trust Fund. Brian Buckley agreed.

Bill LaRosa motioned that Sarah Crew remain as chair for another year and Tom McCann seconded the motion. However, Stephen Marks said the item should be placed on the agenda for the January Reorganization meeting.

Stephen Marks also asked the board about adjusting the meeting schedule. County directors have requested the board adjust the monthly meeting day and/or time so they may regularly attend the meetings. Sarah Crew proposed moving the meeting time to 12:30 pm or 1 pm. Stephen Marks said he will discuss the time change with the County directors and get back to the board.

Sarah Crew moved onto the next agenda item; discussing and suggesting changes to the Open Space Trust Fund Program Statement and application. The board made additions, deletions and changes to both the Program Statement and application. Among the changes were adjustments to the ADA language, public access scoring factor and appeals process.

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Sarah Crew then turned to last agenda item, the discussion of the Open Space Trust Fund Workshop. The board members suggested potential speakers and workshop topics.

There was no new or old business to discuss.

Megan Callus motioned to conclude the meeting. Stephen Marks seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at approximately 2:20 pm.