

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.
OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EC MEETING**

**VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK
MINUTES OF THE GREEN TEAM
JANUARY 24, 2019**

Chairman Mark Olson called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was published in The Record and sent to the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Members present were: Guillermo Lopez-Acosta, Janet Malool, Harry Menta, Leslie Olson, Mark Olson. Excused – Eric Koenig, Katelyn McGirk, Jin Ah Jong, Peggy Conversano, Tim Holloway, Florence Muller, Gloria Rivera, Barbara Wilke. Absent: Carolina Espin, Chelsea Almanza, Gina Constanza, Daniele Fede, Janet Harris, Diane Mancini, Asai Maschang and Ex Officio Members absent.

A motion was made by Guillermo Lopez-Acosta and seconded by Leslie Olson approving the minutes of the November 29, 2018, meeting. All were in favor of this motion.

Approval of bills:

- PO#35984 - \$2,500.00 – Sung Ho Choi – Sculpture Payment #4**
- PO#35985 - \$2,500.00 – Sung Ho Choi – Sculpture Payment #5**
- PO#35986 - \$822.10 – Mark Olson – Projector and Warranty Protection Plan**
- PO#35784 - \$108.50 – Dayle’s Village Flower Shoppe – bows for Main Street**
- PO#36172 - \$36.21 – Jodi Jamieson – Laminating Sheets for Community Garden**
- PO#36266 - \$700.00 – Arts Association – Arts District Reception #3 & 4**
- PO#36470 - \$7,700.00 – Northern NJ Community Foundation – Arts Bergen – Contract for Creative Placemaking in RP**
- PO#36611 - \$773.00 – This N That Hardware – Shed, Bags, Tools**

Hearing of Citizens: None present.

Correspondence:

- Appointments to Green Team
- Science of Styrofoam Flyer – 1/27/19 RP Public Library @1:00 p.m.
- Copy of signed Proposal for Advancing and Supporting Creative Placemaking in RP from Northern NJ Community Foundation/ArtsBergen
- Copy of Resolution 2019-009 approving Grove Street to be closed to traffic for the Arts Festival on 6/15/19.

Reports:

Financial: Nothing new to report.

Community Garden: Janet Malool said the first meeting will be held on Monday night. The group will meet on the last Monday of the month. Right now they are assessing how many plots they will have. They will probably begin advertising next month for available plots.

Rain Garden: Nothing to report other than Tammy Laverty is interested in working on it.

Sculpture: No activity during the cold winter months.

Ridgefield Park Arts Association: This group met last night and talked about June 15, 2019, Arts Festival on Grove Street. There will be music at the festival. They talked about the arts district and getting people involved.

Vogt Park Mural Project: Mr. Glasso, the high school arts teacher, will be ready soon with some ideas. There will be some public meetings about it. The GT needs to decide if the GT wants to do it or have the Arts Association take responsibility for the mural.

Bergen Hub: Mark Olson said the Science of Styrofoam will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at the library. It is geared toward grades 1-5 but adults are also encouraged to attend. It is important that GT members also attend to support this activity. The GT is ahead of other towns as far as arts.

Arts District: The Public Arts Master Plan will be part of the Village Master Plan. The GT needs to budget money for Ken Ochab Associates so he can work with the Northern NJ Foundation to write the Arts Master Plan so it is ready. Fred Rosen agreed that the GT should handle paying Ken until it becomes a proposal and then the Planning Board will take it from there.

Recycling - Plastic Bags: BYOB logo will be designed by the Environmental Commission. Janet Harris said she wants to help implement this activity. The GT received it first bench and it will probably be placed in McGowan Park. Harry Menta will write an article on this. IGA wants to start recycling their film wrapped around the pallets.

Old Business:

Website/outreach/Newsletter: The next newsletter deadline is February 15, 2019.

Public Art Selection Committee: Mark Olson briefly explained the membership of this committee and how it will be broken down. The GT needs to select two of the members – GT representative and the Resident at Large representative. The Resident at Large should be someone who is not usually involved in Village activities or someone who would not qualify to be eligible under a different eligible group.

Mark asked two people if they would be interested and both have declined. Mark asked if the GT had any problem with him appointing someone. Someone needs to be appointed before next month. He will take care of this.

Guillermo Lopez-Acosta said he could be the GT representative. Mark Olson nominated and Harry Menta seconded Guillermo Lopez-Acosta to be the GT representative on the Public Art Selection Committee. All were in favor.

Sustainable Jersey: The goal of the GT should be to attain Silver certification. The GT should re-certify every year. Next month will be a work session. Unless a member is completely finished with the action they are responsible for, they are expected to come to the next meeting ready to work on the application.

New Business:

Community Garden: Janet Malool said that instead of hours, the Community Garden was going to change to a point system earned by members to see if it works easier.

Ken Ochab Associates: The GT will have to negotiate a deal with him for work on the Northern NJ Community Foundation proposal.

Mark Olson reported on a project that needs to be completed at the foot of Mt. Vernon Street near the granite company. They have some work they have to finish next to the river. They are going to clean up that whole area and build sort of a balcony. There are three things that can be part of this work. 1) sign of what used to be here 2) sign of what is going on now ecologically 3) piece of art. Mark will meet with the Board of Commissioners on February 6 about this. This is very early in the planning stages.

June 15 will be a concert at a small arts festival to be held on Grove Street from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The Arts Association had an idea to do an event on Grove Street. There will be music for three hours. Tables will be set up to eat. Art will be displayed. They want to create a permanent changing art exhibit in the municipal building and civic center. The Arts Association will need help on June 15. Mark is trying to put in for a Sustainable Jersey grant to help out. The Arts Association wants to run this event to give a scholarship for an art student.

The Arts Association plans to do another festival in the same spot at the end of the Street Fair in September.

Mark Olson will speak to the Freeholders about Styrofoam on February 6.

Reorganization:

A motion was made by Janet Malool and seconded by Harry Menta, nominating Mark Olson as Chairman.

A motion was made by Harry Menta and seconded by Guillermo Lopez-Acosta nominating Janet Malool as Vice-Chair.

As there were no other nominations, the secretary cast one vote for Mark Olson as Chairman and one vote for Janet Malool as Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Mark Olson and seconded by Leslie Olson to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. All were in favor of the motion.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following the EC meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca