

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

**VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK  
MINUTES OF THE GREEN TEAM  
FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

Chairman Mark Olson called the meeting to order at 8:15 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, Leslie Olson, Mark Olson, Tim Holloway, Asai Maschang. Excused – Harry Menta, Daniele Fede, Diane Mancini, Gloria Rivera, Barbara Wilke. Absent: Carolina Espin, Eric Koenig, Katelyn McGirk, Jin Ah Jong, Chelsea Almanza, Gina Constanza, Peggy Conversano, Janet Harris, Florence Muller and Ex Officio Members absent. John Tymon and Tammy Laverty were present as guests.

A motion was made by Mark Olson and seconded by Leslie Olson approving the minutes of the January 24, 2019, meeting. All were in favor of this motion.

**Approval of bills:** None this month.

**Hearing of Citizens:** No comments.

**Correspondence:**

- Copy of email dated 2/9/19 from Tammy Laverty to Bergen County Executive Tedesco and County Freeholders thanking them for decision regarding Dino Park
- Newsletter Deadlines: 2/15, 5/17, 8/16, 10/18
- Resolution 2019-016 appointing Guillermo Lopez-Acosta as Regular member, term ending 12/31/20
- Invitation dated 2/18/19 from RP Arts Association to reception featuring art designs for mural at Vogt Park
- Resolution 2019-021 of Support from Local Governing Body Authorizing the \$2,000 Sustainable Jersey Grant Application for the 2019 PSE&G Grants Cycle

**Reports:**

**Vogt Mural Project:** GT to certify all of the choices for the Public Art Selection Committee that have been made by the various organizations. Members are as follows:

Green Team – Guillermo Lopez-Acosta	Community Leader – John Tymon
Ridgefield Park Arts Association – Janet Malool	Ridgefield Park Business Leader – Ann Lee
Board of Commissioners – John Anlian	Resident at Large – Chris Holloway
RPHS National Arts Honor Society Student – Camila Navarro	

A motion was made by Mark Olson and seconded by Leslie Olson certifying the above-listed names as the members of the Public Arts Selection Committee. Roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Carolina Espin				X
Eric Koenig				X
Guillermo Lopez-Acosta	X			
Janet Malool	X			
Harry Menta				X
Leslie Olson	X			
Mark Olson	X			
Katelyn McGirk – Alternate #1				X
Jin Ah Jong – Alternate #2				X

A motion was made by Mark Olson and seconded by Guillermo Lopez-Acosta that the voting for the mural be done as a secret ballot, done in two rounds – more if needed. The first round is for the members of the PASC to choose two finalists. From those two selections, then the group will choose the first and second place choices. If after three consecutive rounds, there is still a tie, Mark proposes as Chair, he casts a vote to break the tie. Roll call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Carolina Espin				X
Eric Koenig				X
Guillermo Lopez-Acosta	X			
Janet Malool	X			
Harry Menta				X
Leslie Olson	X			
Mark Olson	X			
Katelyn McGirk – Alternate #1				X
Jin Ah Jong – Alternate #2				X

Before the vote took place, Janet Malool read the input total from residents gathered in various manners (reception, Face Book, Nutrition Center seniors). Mark instructed the PASC members present to vote what they felt was best for the Village taking into account opinions gathered, not necessarily their favorite. (detailed list in file). A smaller version of each entry was available for the PASC to look at. A larger version will be made by selection picked.

**PASC Round 1 Vote: Choice #4 and Choice #5**

**PASC Round 2 Vote: Choice #4 Girl on Swing (First)  
Choice #5 Crossword Puzzle (Second)**

If there is enough time for the students, both choices will be added to the park if the Commissioners agree (which seems likely). Mark will send a letter to all entrants thanking them for their time and letting them know how impressed everyone was with the talent at the high school. Mark will let everyone know that more murals are planned for the Village using artwork from students. These students are free to resubmit their entry or create a new one if they choose. He will let the school know which one is first and which one is second.

Mark thanked everyone for serving on this Committee. It is an important committee. Some of the things that have been talked about is to continue doing one or two of these murals a year. There are a lot of chain links fences these could go on such as around the tennis courts and various parks. At the reception, a resident suggested a mural be done at the pool. Another resident made the same suggestion on Face Book.

Giselle Holloway said it was fun posting the pictures on Face Book and You've Got a Friend in RP. She was able to see reactions from all different age groups. People thanked her for doing this. They were impressed with the level of talent at the high school. It seemed the young and old alike liked the idea of the murals being done by RP students.

Procedures need to be put in place so it won't be a hassle to install various forms of art in the Village. We need to put together a group of 40+ people to participate in this process for five meetings. Mark will send out the schedule to everybody. The more people that come, the better. There will be a meeting the last week of the succeeding months with the final meeting being in July. Details will be sent out to everyone. Some meetings will be outdoors. Some meetings need to be indoors.

Mark explained that the Village is undertaking the process of creating a Public Art Master Plan. A meeting is in the process of being set up for Sunday, March 31 @ 3:30 p.m. (probably in the library). Details will be sent out when plans are finalized. It would be beneficial for all available members to plan on attending. Mark would really like to see the members of the GT be members of this committee as well. He will be writing a letter to as many organizations as they can get contact info for. The Planning Board and Zoning Board will also be encouraged to attend.

The RP Arts Association will be holding an Arts Festival on June 15 on Grove Street (the first 100 feet) in between Main Street and Lincoln Avenue. The high school will supply music and art work. Joe Kenny will sing. The Presbyterian Church will be there. There will bands and artwork. Tables will be out so people can eat dinner. Bring your own wine and enjoy a nice outdoor party. Rain date is June 16. It will be held from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Financial:** Nothing new to report.

**Community Garden:** Janet Malool reported on the status of the Community Garden. Jodie Jamieson was selected by the gardeners to be a member of the garden oversight committee, taking Mark's place. She comes highly qualified. Jodie is a Master Gardener. She will be an asset.

The CG has received two new garden applications, one for each garden. Advertising will begin next week. It will be posted on the municipal message board, Facebook and on banners at the gardens. It will appear in the Village newsletter. Towards the end of March, we will begin cleaning up the gardens to ready them for the new season. She is currently working on a new garden sign for Fellowship. It will again be displayed on the tennis court fence.

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

**Sculpture:** No activity during the cold winter months. He will not work on it until the temperature is over 50 degrees.

**Ridgefield Park Arts Association:** Nothing other than what was already reported on earlier in the meeting.

**Vogt Park Mural Project:** Already discussed earlier.

**Bergen Hub:** Mark Olson said the Bergen Hub is proving to be one of the better Hubs in the state. The next meeting of the Bergen Hub is March 25 in RP. It will be held at the Civic Center. Mark Olson will send out emails as to what we need help with.

**The Public Arts Master Plan** - Mark will send out an email when the five meetings will be. It is going quite well.

**Recycling - Plastic Bags:** This program is going quite well.

**Old Business:**

**Bergen Hub:** The next meeting will be in RP. It will be held at the Civic Center on March 25. Sort of related since it is half-Hub and half-GT, but we applied for a \$3,000 BCUA Recycling Enhancement Grant Program to expand recycling to include Expanded Polystyrene/EPS. If approved, which is likely, we will know in two weeks. If approved, we must then put together a program to collect the EPS. The condition put on this grant by the Board of Commissioners is that the GT be present when this starts to adequately educate everyone who comes to drop off Styrofoam. At the next meeting, the GT will put together a plan to do this.

There are a lot of municipalities trying to do a lot of different things. Mark will put a list together and send to everyone because it may be something that you would want to get involved in. It would really be good if another member attended these HUB meetings. Most towns are sending two people to the meetings. Meetings are usually 7:00 p.m. in different municipalities.

**Public Arts Master Plan Meetings:** Mark asked if anyone is part of any group that they can push this. Janet said she will bring it up at the Community Garden meeting on Monday. Other groups could be the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. There are a lot of groups that need to be covered in a short amount of time. Asai asked if a letter can be sent. Mark said a letter will be worked on and sent out. There are no age restrictions but Mark suggests the minimum age is someone who can voice their own opinion. Anyone who has an interest in RP should come, resident or not. Part of the reason for doing this is to create an arts destination in RP. This would also attract money from outside because people would stop at local businesses when visiting the Village.

Janet met representatives of the Buddhist Temple and a new church when she attended the July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Guillermo said there are two new groups in town. Janet said they could post the letter on Face Book and the Mom's page.

**Styrofoam Project:** Discussed earlier.

**Sustainable Jersey:** Tonight's work session will be cancelled. Janet Malool mentioned that she is attending a webinar taking place on Wednesday on attracting and keeping people involved. Members might want to view it as well.

A motion was made by Mark Olson and seconded by Leslie Olson to certify the wishes of the CG that Jodie Jamieson is the third person on the oversight committee along with Janet Malool and Barbara Wilke. Roll Call vote was taken.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Carolina Espin				X
Eric Koenig				X
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Janet Malool	X			
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### **New Business:**

Leslie Olson had a general question. If a group comes to you and wants to work on a project, should the member have a conversation with them and invite them to come to a meeting? Mark said that was the correct procedure. If anyone wants to work on anything, the GT should get involved with them unless it proved to be a highly negative project.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca