



Jersey City START – February 14, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Present: Lindsey Sigmund, Deb Italiano, Moriah Kinberg, Brittany Kelly, Aaron Johnson, Liz Pyschnik, Kate Lawrence, Yvette Coleman, Carolina Ramos, Ruth Mogro, John Pietrykroski, Jan Nordiand, Irene Stamos, Dawn Giambalvo, Keith Donath, Elmer Andal, Kevin Force, Daryl Krasnuk

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 20, 2019, City Hall, Council Caucus Room – 6 PM

I. Introductions

II. Project & Policy Updates

- a. PVSC
 - i. Columbia Park – waiting on design plans
 - ii. CSO Supplemental Meeting – date TBD (March 7th tentative)
 1. Draft Evaluation of Alternatives Report due March 1st, this meeting will allow permit holders to present their draft report findings
 - b. City of Jersey City
 - i. Stormwater Ordinance – in draft phase, working on incorporating new DEP rules: <https://www.njfuture.org/2018/12/06/new-stormwater-rule/>
 - ii. Stormwater Utility – enabling legislation waiting on Governor Murphy’s approval: <https://www.njspotlight.com/stories/18/10/24/stormwater-utilities-to-control-polluted-runoff-get-a-push-from-pols/>
 1. **Action Item:** JC START to draft a letter to MUA regarding our stance on enacting a SW utility and how the fee should be structured
 - iii. Street Trees
 1. Junior + Senior Forester positions open – the creation of a comprehensive tree planting and maintenance plan contingent on new staff positions (position posted on City website)
 2. Potential tree canopy study to verify existing trees and identify gaps in cover and maintenance
- c. MUA
 - i. 4 Public Meetings to present Alternatives
 1. March 12th, 2019
 2. March 14th, 2019
 3. March 28th, 2019
 4. April 4th, 2019
 - ii. LTCP website with meeting dates and comment submission launched: <https://www.jcmua.com/ltcp>
 - iii. **Action Item:** MUA to send JC START presentation for comments
- d. SJC
 - i. Green Infrastructure spreadsheet sent out by Deb
 - ii. Updates to Open Sewer Atlas – flood zones
 - iii. **Action Item:** Deb to draft letter from JC START regarding triple bottom line approach to evaluating alternatives for the LTCP



III. Canco Park Conservancy – Dawn Giambalvo presenting

- a. 501(c)(3) formed one year ago
- b. Canco Park is 1/3 of an acre, 0.5 miles from the Hackensack, is the only fully accessible open space opportunity in the Journal Square neighborhood, and was constructed in 2008 as a passive park
- c. Issue with runoff at the park, stormwater issues in the surrounding area, and 1 corner of the park has lost approximately 9 inches of topsoil
- d. Potential solution: terrace rain garden along the banks
- e. **Action Item:** Dawn to send information to Aaron

IV. Hudson County Planning

- a. Green Infrastructure project in Mercer Park; rain garden + bioswale
- b. Waiting on geotech surveys

V. Goals for 2019

- a. Advocacy
 - i. Continue advocating for public involvement and transparency during the LTCP development process
 - ii. Begin advocating for enacting a Stormwater Utility
- b. Community Outreach
 - i. Hold quarterly evening meetings – first meeting **Wednesday March 20th – 6 PM, City Hall, Council Caucus Room**
 - ii. Maintain webpage and upload minutes, agendas, completed projects, and resources: <http://www.jcmakeitgreen.org/jcstart/>
 - iii. Create JC START logo

Important Dates:

MUA Community Meetings

Tuesday March 12 – Mary McLeod Bethune Center

Thursday March 14 – City Hall

Thursday March 28 – Hank Gallo Center, Lincoln Park

Thursday April 4 – P.S. #28

JC START Meetings

Wednesday March 20th – City Hall Caucus Room

Thursday April 11th - MUA

Thursday May 9th - MUA