



## Jersey City START – May 27 1 PM-2:30 PM

### Meeting Minutes

*Present:* Lindsey Sigmund, Kate Lawrence, Ruth Mogro, Alan Miller, Deb Italiano, Marques Eley, Kevin Force, Brittany Kelly, Joe Newman, Carolina Ramos, Dawn Giambalvo, Sarah Mcmillian, Councilman Lavarro

**Next Meeting:** TBD

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#### I. Introductions

#### II. Project and Policy Updates

##### a. PVSC

- i. Updated modeling of the regional sewer system in the works, has caused a reevaluation of some of the alternatives
- ii. Alternatives have also changed since the Mayor's meeting in February
- iii. PVSC will definitely be building a secondary bypass to increase the capacity to reduce CSOs for the region
- iv. Supplemental CSO meeting to be held virtually on June 17 at 5 PM: The alternatives should hopefully be finalized by then
- v. Question: why isn't green infrastructure a regional alternative? Answer: because the individual permittees (municipalities) have jurisdiction over the majority of areas where GI can be implemented. GI is more of a localized solution

##### b. MUA

- i. Still working on selection of alternatives
- ii. **Action Item: Brittany to follow up with MUA Director to schedule a virtual meeting on the LTCP**
- iii. Councilman Lavarro requested a presentation to all council members during a caucus meeting. If public can participate in this meeting then it could serve as the public meeting, but if not there should be a second meeting where the public can provide comments/ask questions
- iv. A lot of interest generated in the rain barrel program. MUA put in a resolution for more rain barrels. 300 have been distributed so they are requesting 300 more.

##### c. Jersey City

- i. Sustainability: Many employees have been re-assigned to work with HHS on Covid response, including the Office of Sustainability. The Climate Action Plan is moving ahead, but the timeline has shifted
  - 1. Funding for Green Team acquired. The Team will continue the tree mapping of Ward A completed last summer. They will map Wards B and F
  - 2. New EV Vehicles
- ii. Planning: Master Plan re-write moving ahead, which includes Land use, Open Space, Recreation, and Community Facilities. The Open Space Plan will include a stormwater/resiliency component. Website will be launched mid to late June and there will be a Needs Survey provided. Lindsey will share with START group once available.
- iii. Architecture: Green infrastructure (GI) projects moving forward. Open Space Trust Fund projects moving forward. Working on a GIS layer of city GI projects
- iv. Hudson County: County looking to update their land development ordinance to include green infrastructure requirements
- d. DEP
  - i. Intended Use Plan rolled out – prioritizes plans that went through the water Bank, which includes projects submitted by JC MUA
  - ii. CCI working with the city on a number of development projects
- e. Community
  - i. RNA: Monthly online meetings to be held
  - ii. SJC: Open tree map online and is currently being updated by volunteers. Sustainability course concluded. Continuing to work with the Shade Tree Committee
  - iii. Canco park: working on stabilizing eroded area of the park. Planning on re-opening with social distancing precautions.

### III. Advocacy

- a. Green Infrastructure Challenge
  - i. Will set up call. If you haven't already done so, let Lindsey know if you are interested in joining

### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday June 9** - 10 AM-12 PM: CSO/LTCP Workshop hosted by Newark DIG in partnership with Sewage-Free Streets and Rivers and Jersey Water Works – Read more and [Register here](#)



**Wednesday June 17 - 5 PM** – Supplemental CSO Meeting, details in email.