

Jenkins Park Advisory Board (JPAB)
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday May 13, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Present:

Lynnette Ziskin, Sat Ihara, Rae Quesada, Dave Cote, Bill Bechtel (five JPAB members), Kim Ireland (Town Board member), Jeanrae Benoit & Dennis Pokrzywka.

Chair Lynnette Ziskin opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Lynnette welcomed new members Dave Cote and Bill Bechtel to the Advisory Board.

Meeting Notes:

1. Lynnette distributed copies of the JPAB bylaws that recently have been typed into a Microsoft "Word" document. Sat Ihara is also sharing information to other Advisory Board members, which is stored on his computer and is relevant to JPAB that includes financial information, meeting minutes, projects, public announcements and notes from a public hearing held by JPAB on February 4, 2009.
2. JPAB unanimously approved Sat Ihara as Vice Chairman of the Advisory Board on a motion by Lynnette Ziskin. Also JPAB unanimously approved Bill Bechtel as Secretary on a motion by Sat Ihara.
3. Sat Ihara included the following three policies in the May 13 JPAB meeting agenda:
 - 3.1 Proposer-driver policy: The person who proposes a project has the authority to decide the project details and schedules, is responsible for the project cost management, progress & expenditure reporting, and resolution of objections. We can postpone a project if somebody objects and if we fail to change his mind. There are many other projects we can work on.
 - 3.2 Sleeper policy: We will try to involve all the JPAB members (and others) by email as long as we get some feedback indicating the interest. We will stop sending information if we do not receive any signal of interest. He can find out in the next JPAB meeting any way (i.e., no wake up calls until next JPAB meeting).
 - 3.3 Three buds policy: If somebody promises to do something and breaks the promise for the third time, we appreciate his good intention, sympathize for his lack of time, and initiate an alternative approach to accomplish what he promised (Go to next flower after three broken promises).
4. Unanimous approval on a motion by Lynnette Ziskin was given to establish liaisons between several groups in the area and the JPAB to improve communication and flow of information. Trevor Tuxill is the liaison for the Boy Scouts, Peter Sawyer for Rotary, and Frank Slingerland and Rae Quesada for Baseball.
5. JPAB unanimously approved the minutes of the March 11, 2009 meeting on a motion by Dave Cote.

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6. The following list was approved as additional near term, top priority projects:
 - 6.1. Plant trees, shrubs and flowers during Arbor Day work party on May 16.
 - 6.2. Beautify east side of park entrance.
 - 6.3. Remove undesired trees including those at the entrance and near fences.
 - 6.4. Acquire and spread wood chips for weed control.
 - 6.5. Acquire fish stocking permit to stock ponds with carp, crayfish and other appropriate species.
 - 6.6. Clean ponds by first trying carp.
 - 6.7. Add and relocate bluebird houses (this is a Boy Scout project).
 - 6.8. Install footbridge over creek on West Nature Trail (Boy Scout project).
 - 6.9. Install entrance gate to West Nature Trail.
7. JPAB unanimously approved a \$5.00 per hour equipment fee for Norm's mowing service.
8. Public mailings appear very successful in disseminating information on JPAB activities and for getting work party volunteers. Thus, a late-summer mailing was unanimously approved on a motion by Lynnette Ziskin.
9. Since the trails in Jenkins Park are not hardened for horse travel, it was unanimously approved on a motion by Sat Ihara to not allow horses to share those trails in the park. Four signs will be acquired and posted to request people to not ride on the park trails.
10. The JPAB by-laws require a quorum of five persons in attendance at our meetings for voting to be valid and at least four persons must vote yes to approve a resolution. Before the May meeting it was noted that all 2009 JPAB meetings except the March meeting were invalid with regard to voting requirements as stated above. At the May meeting with the required quorum, the board re-voted on all the items we have voted so far this year (not including business from the March meeting). The board also voted to correct the situation of not having the required quorum by changing the bylaws to establish two alternate JPAB members, a new membership term, and a limit on consecutive terms.
11. Dennis Pokrzywka reviewed with the Board the logistics of tree and shrub planting for Saturday May 16. On a motion by Dave Cote, the Board unanimously approved having people from the Burnt Hills Farmer's Market set up a stand at the park during the work party.

The next JPAB meeting will be on Wednesday June 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.