



**PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 20th, 2022
WebEx Meeting**

Chair Anne Kahwaty opened the meeting at 6:44 PM and read the notice that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met. She then proceeded to the roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Lepore, County Commissioner; Anne Kahwaty, Chair; Maria-Elena Grant, Commissioner; Bhupendra Gadhavi, Commissioner; Sandy Lawson, Commissioner; Robin Canetti, Commissioner; Bernard Vroom, Commissioner; Laura Lee Harding, Commissioner; Alice Szepletowski, Commissioner; Cindy Frank, Commissioner; Greg Moore (on behalf of Darryl Sparta, Parks Director); Isabel Agudelo, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Ruffel, Director of Cultural and Historic Affairs; Michael Lysicatos, Planning Director; Jessie Summers, Open Space Coordinator; John Pogorelec, County Counsel; Marc Seemon, Deputy County Administrator; Salvatore Presti, Assistant Planner

MINUTES: A motion to adopt the minutes of the November 18th, 2021 meeting was made by Commissioner Canetti and seconded by Commissioner Lawson. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PORTION: Commissioner Vroom made a motion to open the meeting to the public which was seconded by Commissioner Lawson. The motion passed unanimously.

Seeing no one present, Commissioner Lepore made a motion to close the public portion that was seconded by Commissioner Lawson. The motion passed unanimously.

REORGANIZATION

A nomination was made by Commissioner Grant to appoint Chair Kahwaty as Chair for another term. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Lawson.

A nomination was by Chair Kahwaty to appoint Commissioner Grant as Vice Chair for another term. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Lepore.

A nomination was made by Chair Kahwaty to have Open Space Coordinator Summers serve as Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Canetti.

The board voted unanimously to appoint all nominees to their respective positions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Canetti to accept the proposed meeting dates for 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawson. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Space Coordinator Summers recapped the Open Space Application workshop she hosted on January 19th that had about fifteen attendees. The workshop was also broadcast to Facebook live, and the presentation is available to be viewed on the county website. Formal Open Space and Historic Preservation applications will be due on March 18th.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The board discussed continuing to meet online following the county’s recommendation against meeting in person. The board would reassess the situation regarding meeting in person for the scheduled March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM was made by Commissioner Canetti and seconded by Commissioner Frank. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Salvatore Presti for



JESSIE SUMMERS