

Passaic County Open Space Advisory Committee
April 18th, 2024 Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

1. Deputy County Administrator Marc Seemon
2. County Counsel Designee: John Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.
3. Department of Planning & Economic Development: Andras Holzmann
4. Department of Parks & Recreation Designee: Greg Moore
5. Department of Planning & Economic Development: Salvatore Presti
6. Department of Cultural & Historic Affairs Designee: Kelly Ruffel
7. Chair Anne Kahwaty
8. Vice Chair Maria-Elena Grant
9. Bhupendra Gadhavi
10. Bernard Vroom III
11. Alice Szepietowski
12. Robin Canetti
13. Sandra Lawson

Members Absent:

14. County Commissioner Pat Lepore
15. Department of Cultural & Historic Affairs: Isabella Costa
16. Isabel Agudelo
17. Karen Agosto
18. Lauralee Harding

A roll call brought the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

Kahwaty made the announcement of the Open Public Meeting Act.

A motion was made by Vroom and seconded by Lawson to open the public portion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Rocky Hazelman introduced himself as the Chair of the Passaic County Agriculture Development Board and that he would be sitting in an observing the meeting.

A motion was made by Grant and seconded by Lawson to close the public portion.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vroom and seconded by Szepietowski to approve the minutes of the December 6th, 2023 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business, Presti presented the applications to the 2024 Open Space Park Development Program and Ruffel presented applications to the 2024 Historic Preservation Program. The presentation included information about the projects, funding requests, outstanding grants, and site location photos. The committee asked general information questions which were addressed by staff.

Under Old Business, no items were discussed.

Under Open Discussion, the committee discussed the possibility of preparing questions for several applicants. The committee also discussed potentially organizing a group site visit, and having a meeting at a location other than the Dey Mansion.

A motion was made by Grant and seconded by Kahwaty to adjourn.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

/ s / Salvatore Presti

Open Space Coordinator, Passaic County